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In Brief

Mary Beth Barker
News Editor

International Student Volunteers recruit for study abroad

International Student Volunteers will be on campus Nov. 2 to provide students with information for students interested in volunteering overseas.

Projects include the chance to work teaching English to children, working with endangered sea turtles or building houses for refugees.

The meeting will be held on the hour from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m. in UC 114.

USD sponsors annual box village

USD students are encouraged to participate in Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

Participants will "live" out of a cardboard box in order to draw attention to the poverty some Americans face every day.

The students will carry personal items with them throughout the day, and are not allowed to return to their dorm room until the 24-hour period ends. Fasting is also optional. The event takes place Nov. 6-10 for any 24-hour time span.

Adventures in Service connects students and non-profits

Adventures in Service provides students the opportunity to meet recruiters from non-profit organizations.

Adventures in Service is co-sponsored by Amercian Humanities, Career Services, Community Service Learning and University Ministry.

This event will be held Nov. 9 in UC Forum A from 12:15 p.m. till 2:00 p.m..

Speakers highlight concerns of Latino/a Catholicism

Mark Heisey
Copy Editor

Latinos/as make up 43 percent of the American Catholic Church. Latin Americans make up 50 percent of the worldwide

Catholic Church. In the next ten years, Latinos/as will compose 25 percent of the United States population. These facts have enormous consequences for the Catholic Church in the US and throughout the world. On Tues. evening, Gustavo

Gutierrez, OP, Th.D., Virgilio Elizondo, Th.D., and Justo L. Gonzalez, Ph.D. lectured about these consequences in Shiley Theater.

Gutierrez, who is the founder of Liberation Theology and considered one of the

most important theologians in the world today, was the first guest to speak.

Gutierrez began by defining theology as the language of God. It is a language spoken throughout the world, in many

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Fifth floor frightens freshmen



ADENA JANSEN/THE VISTA

Maher Hall fifth floor hosted this year's annual Haunted House. Resident Asssistant Greg McGoon jumps out suddenly in the Saw-themed portion of the Haunted House. The Haunted House also included a scary forest, a funeral themed room, and zombie themed room. After making it through the haunted House, Campus Connections offered students ice cream, candy and punch while they recovered from a frightful journey.

Arson in Cabazon ignites investigation

Vanessa Guzman
Managing Editor

As of Mon. evening the deadly Esperanza fire that claimed the lives of four federal firefighters and left one critically injured was fully contained.

According to the Associated Press, several reports

confirm the fire was deliberately started in Cabazon, west of Palm Springs and an investigation of the arson fire is fully underway.

The fire started last Thurs. and as of Oct. 31 no arrests have been made. The FBI and the ATF have offered a \$550,000 reward for any helpful information about the

source of the blaze.

An estimated 40,200 acres were scorched, about 63 square miles, and 34 homes were destroyed.

The four firefighters killed were part of a US Forest Service engine crew, the first day's efforts to fight the blaze.

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Students prepare for flu season

Kelly Haugland
Staff Writer

"Living in such a small apartment means that whatever they get, I get," Megan Clift, a sophomore resident of Cuyamaca in the Vistas said. She is convinced her roommates passed a cold on to her.

According to the USD Health Center's pamphlet on "How to Care for Your Cold," one can avoid this fate. A guide to upper--spiratory infections. The pamphlet provides lots of information about the causes, symptoms and treatments for the common cold.

The pamphlet notes that any one of 200-plus viruses can cause the common cold, whose typical symptoms include scratchy throat, runny nose or sneezing, fevers, ear popping, facial pressure, cough, hoarse voice and tender neck glands.

Viruses usually last between one and two weeks and have no cure.

Medicines may treat symptoms, but there is no cure for the actual virus. A common misconception about colds is that they are treatable with antibiotics.

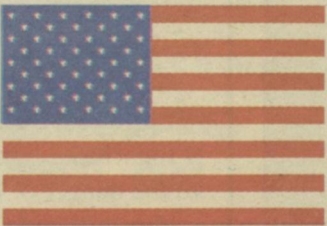
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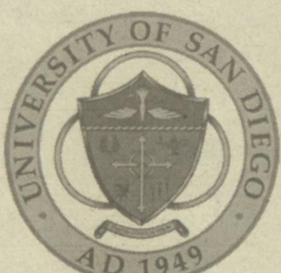
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ORLD BEAT

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Laura Longobardi News Editor

Talks with North Korea to resume

North Korea has agreed to resume talks on nuclear programs with China and the US.

South Korea, Russia and Japan will also join in the discussions with North Korea.

It was reported that Japan refuses to resume talks unless North Korea renounces its nuclear weapons.

According to US negotiator, Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill, these talks could begin next month.

New floods in Ethiopia threaten citizens

Floods in Ethio-

pia's Ogaden region have killed at least 67 people.

Nearly 300,000 have been affected since the Shabelle river overflowed.

These floods have come after another set of devastating floods earlier this year.

There are several unconfirmed reports of crocodiles killing people in the floods.

Violence resumes in Oaxaca, Mexico

Demonstrators and police have had another clash in Oaxaca.

Demonstrators congregated in the main square of the city to ask that governor Ulises Ruiz step down from his position because of his abuse of power.

Senators unanimously approved a motion calling on Ruiz to resign.

Over the weekend, several thousand protesters were removed from

Oaxaca after an unidentified gunman killed several people during a demonstration on Oct. 28.

Bulgarian president wins a second term

Georgi Parvanov won his second five-year term as president of Bulgaria Oct. 30.

Parvanov, a former Socialist leader, took three-fourths of the votes in the Oct. 29 election while his opponent, Attack party leader Volen Siderove, received one-fourth of the votes.

Parvanov will have only limited power as the prime minister has the majority of power.

Two separate attacks shake Algeria

Vehicle bombs exploded outside two separate police stations east of Algiers Oct. 29.

The blasts occurred at almost exactly the same time, according to re-

ports.

One of the blasts was caused by a grenade thrown into the police station.

Police attempted to stop the vehicle from which the grenade was thrown.

Fourteen people were injured and at least one person was killed in the blasts.

The bombs are thought to have been planted by Islamic rebels.

Tribesmen in Pakistan protest Pakistan air raid

Protestors in Pakistan rallied against Islamabad's alliance with the US after an air strike on an alleged militant camp.

The protest took place in Khar, a northwestern town near the location of the Oct. 30 attack.

President Pervez Musharraf said the 80 people killed in the raid

were militants, but a raid survivor reported that children had died and that militants had not used the school.

Former South African President dies

Former South African President PW Botha died in Cape Town Wed. Nov. 1 at the age of 90.

He was part of the ruling African National Congress.

He was also known as the "Great Crocodile" and led white minority rule during the height of the anti-apartheid struggle.

He detained, tortured and killed prisoners during his presidency, but refused to apologize for apartheid.

South Africa is holding a state funeral in Brotha's honor. It is the first in over 20 years.

The Vista's commitment to accuracy

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Corrections for last week:

Front page, caption under stand-alone
photo should read "Fair Trade"
not "Free Trade"

FIRE: USD students concerned by blaze

Fire, continued

The team was overpowered by the flames while protecting a home in the San Jacinto Mountains.

Fire fighters who were killed include Mark Loutzenhiser, 43, of Idyllwild; Jason McKay, 27, of Apple Valley; Jess McLean, 27, of Beaumont and Daniel Hoover-Najera, 20, of San Jacinto.

Pablo Cerda, 23, was injured fighting the fire and remains in critical condition at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

Concerns regarding the fires were raised on campus this past week, which prompted university administrators to create a new webpage -- www.sandiego.edu/alert -- that was originally accessible through UNET.

According to the UNET webpage, Santa Ana winds have contributed to the danger of fires.

In addition, the site recommends people liv-

ing in areas where smoke is present should remain indoors as much as possible to avoid the possible health problems associated with smoke inhalation. These recommendations are especially important for individuals with a history of asthma or other respiratory problems.

The new website highlights where to find updates, contact information as well as signs and symptoms for individuals affected by the increased dry air and smoke.

Senior Sofia Santos was one of many students on campus who were affected by the fires in Cabazon.

"When the San Diego fires occurred three years ago, I was concerned because I was in a danger zone and away from home, but now, with the fires close to Palm Springs, I was more concerned because my family could have been in danger," senior Sofia Santos said.

Happy November!

"Be Well" Calendar Part Deux!

Alright, Toreros. This is your very own Director of Wellness, Charles Mansour, just wanting to remind you of some upcoming wellness events and initiatives.

All USD students are being asked to complete NCHA's on-line campus-wide survey conducted every other year to assess student health and wellness and help guide the wellness initiatives for the future. There will be several awesome prizes including a grand prize choice of \$500 in airfare, a gift card, or a surf board. Mini-prizes include an Oakley back-back and sunglasses, Starbucks gift certificates, and an autographed Jack Johnson CD, to name a few. It's exciting, I know. All you have to do is complete the survey. The link to the survey was in your e-mail this past Monday and will show up the next two Mondays. You absolutely need the link to access your own personal survey, so make sure you complete it, don't delete it!!!

Also, don't forget to show up and get a Flu shot outside of the Health Center every Tuesday until November 21st for only \$20. All students, staff, and faculty are welcome to come.

And lastly, just a reminder of the upcoming Great American Smoke Out on November 16th. This is a nationwide event to encourage and celebrate those who want to quit smoking! Free "cold turkey" sandwiches to the first 5 "quitters" and info and freebies for everyone! Also, we will be raising awareness of USD's new Tobacco Policy.

Alright, Toreros, that's all I have for you at this time. Be sure you check out the "Wellness" site to get more familiar with our awesome resources here at USD!

www.sandiego.edu/wellness

Sincerely,

Your lean, mean, wellness machine, Charles

Here's another Sudoku puzzle for everybody who can't get enough Sudoku!! Good Luck!

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Hey guys this is officially Academic Integrity week, so be sure to be on your best academic behavior! Next week starts Greek Week for all you Greeks- celebrate being Greek!

Come Check out

Catharsis

What: an art show for students by students

When: Today, November 2nd from 7-10pm and tomorrow November 3rd all day

Where: UC Forum A & B

See you there!

Personals

Meet another one of your representatives on the AS Leadership Team...

Nadine Goldkamp!

Nadine is the co-director of community relations and she enjoys eating, kickboxing, pumping iron, watching tv, running, shopping, long walks on the beach, and most of all, dancing!

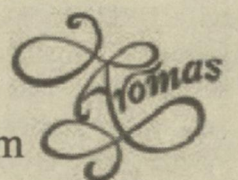


Saturday Night at Aromas

Torero Basketball Rocks! Come and eat pizza with the basketball team!

When: Saturday

November 4 from 9-10pm



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your A.S.

LATINO: Renowned theologians lecture in Shiley Theatre

Lecture, continued

different accents. He criticized the tendency in North Atlantic Catholicism to call other accents of theology contextual theology, because all theology is contextual.

The Catholic Church in Latin America has a very dynamic context. To address these various dynamics, Gutierrez highlighted the goals of Latino/a theologies.

Gutierrez stressed the importance of spiritual growth and evangelicalism for the Latin American Church.

While social, economic, and ethnic concerns are important to Latino/a theology, the most important aspect of theology is spirituality.

"The question we should ask is not, What is the theology behind our spirituality? it is, What is the spirituality behind our theology?" said Gutierrez.

Indeed, spirituality, as it relates to the complex social, cultural, gender and economic issues in Latin American theology, was the main focus of Gutierrez's lecture.

"The option for the poor is not only a pastoral strategy. It is not only a commitment for jus-



RYAN BRENNAN/THE VISTA

Dr. Gonzalez, Dr. Rodriguez and Dr. Gutierrez were speakers at the Oct. 29 Lecture on Latino/a Catholicism in Shiley Theater.

tice. The preferential option for the poor is more than that," said Gutierrez.

According to Gutierrez, the preferential option for the poor, and for all Christians, is to follow Jesus Christ.

"To be Christian is to be a follower of Jesus," said Gutierrez.

Quoting St. Augustine, Gutierrez said, "You give bread to the hungry; it would be better

not to have hungry persons. You clothe the naked; it would be better not to have this need."

Gutierrez received a standing ovation for his lecture.

Elizondo, who founded San Antonios Mexican American Cultural Center, followed Gutierrez by expressing his hope for a hemisphere without borders. Today's Latino/a theology comes out of a history of segregation

and not belonging.

Elizondo further expressed his vision for a world church that incorporates the theologies of all Christians, not just a European church found throughout the world.

He stressed the significance of Jesus being a Galilean, a marginal member of society. Today, those considered marginal have much to contribute to

the Church.

Gonzalez, the founder of the Hispanic Theological Initiative and the Hispanic Summer Program, and whose three-volume "History of Christian Thought" is a classic in the field, was the last speaker of the evening. Although the self-proclaimed "token Protestant" of the evening, he downplayed the significance of his Protestant affiliation.

"I'm not interested in doing Protestant theology. I'm interested in doing Latino/a theology," said Rodriguez.

Born a Protestant in Latin America, he began his life as a religious minority.

When he came to the US, he found himself in the religious majority, but his ethnic and cultural background kept him in the minority. For this reason, though an important topic, defining the differences between Catholic and Protestant theology is secondary to defining Latino/a theology.

As the first annual lecture on Latino/a religion, Tuesday night's lecture went a long way towards addressing the impact that Latino/a theology will have in the US and throughout the world in the coming years.

COLD: Students make themselves vulnerable to the common cold

Students urged to make better choices concerning their health during cold season

Germs, continued

Medicines may treat symptoms, but there is no cure for the actual virus. A common misconception about colds is that they are treatable with antibiotics.

An antibiotic is meant only for bacterial diseases and is not effective on viral infections.

The difference in viral versus bacterial infections is their size. Viruses are much smaller, and are therefore more difficult to cure.

Also, a bacterium survives as an independent living body. Viruses, however, need the cells of a living organism to grow or multiply.

How can the common cold virus be avoided? The Health Center's URI pamphlet notes that colds are primarily spread through hand-to-hand contact, not via coughing or sneezing.

General sanitary behavior can help. Wash hands before eating, especially when in contact with a person who has a cold and after using the restroom.

A hand sanitizer is helpful too when soap and water are not available.

A covered sneeze (over the nose and mouth) can prevent

germs from spreading.

Better cleaning standards can also be put into effect. Dorm room living, in which up to four residents share a small space, can provide a perfect breeding ground for viruses.

To best clean a surface, an alcohol-based product should be left on for five to 10 minutes to assure disinfection.

Many surfaces that are key breeders for viruses are overlooked.

Telephones and keyboards should have a thorough cleaning frequently. Because of the constant contact with hands, these surfaces are often the culprit in the distribution of germs.

Most important, avoid overtaxing oneself. Students tend to "burn the candle at both ends," spending all day in class and studying, then partying long into the night, Regina Fleming, Director of the Health Center said.

Sleep and health can become second priority when it comes to having an active social life.

"I have simply learned to function on less sleep," USD sophomore Krystal Edwards said.

Health studies have shown that minimal sleep leads to a weaker immune system.

Once a cold develops, simple steps can help rejuvenate a sick body and ensure that the virus does not spread.

Resting and eating well will allow the body to gain energy to stamp out a virus.

Drink between eight and 12 glasses of liquid a day. Hot liquids will soothe a sore throat and relieve nasal congestion.

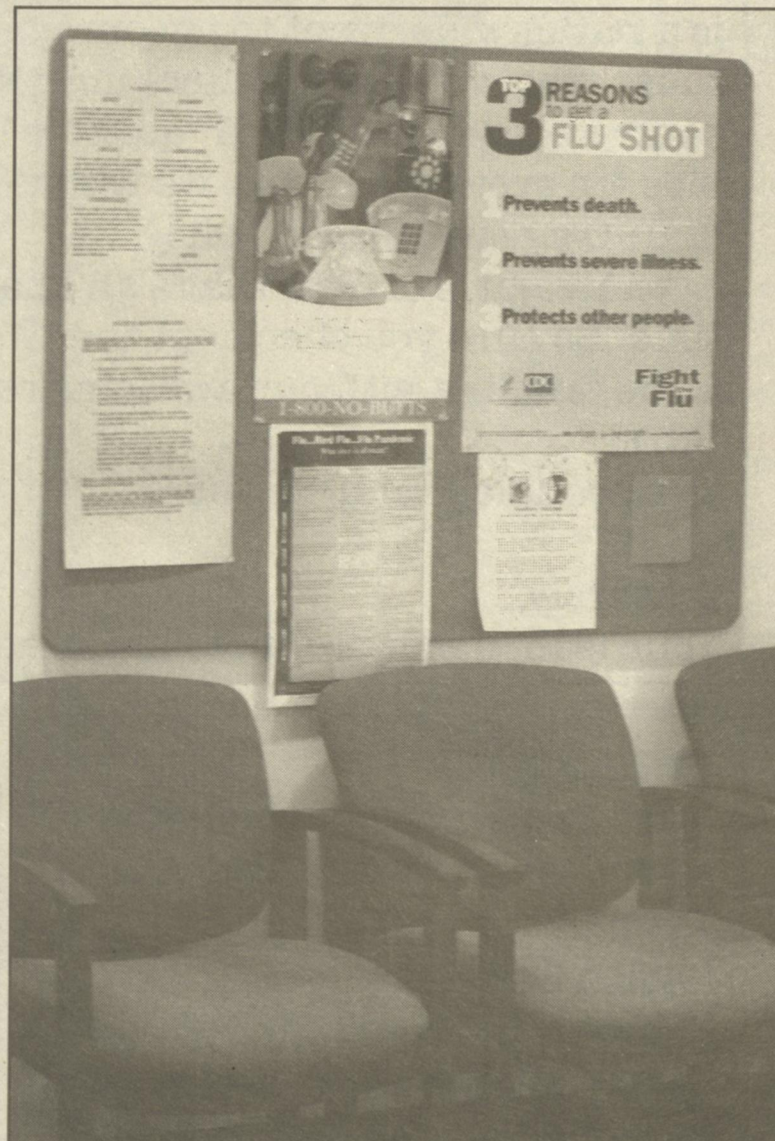
Any beverage containing caffeine or alcohol, however, will simply lead to dehydration and work against your body.

When infected, rest is important in order to get well.

Small classrooms at USD allow teachers to account for attendance in the final grade, which, while perhaps limiting the occurrence of unnecessary absences, might also contribute to classrooms filled with contagious students.

To avoid a drop in grades, some students will attend class, but simply end up contaminating other students.

Fleming encourages students to stay in bed and get well before returning to the classroom.

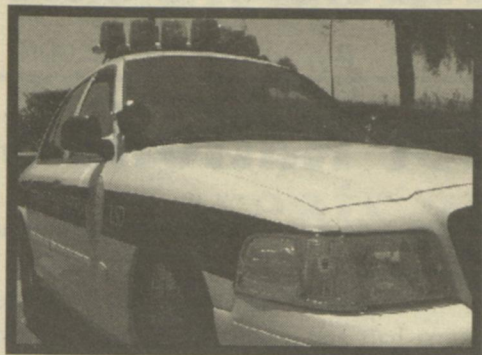


SAFIYA GOVANI/THE VISTA

The Health Center offers information for students.

"It needs to be understood that the health of the students affects their education," she said.

Contact with germs is unavoidable, but precautions can help to reduce the chances of being infected.



public safety report

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Founders: At 5:39 a.m. Public Safety responded to a fire alarm in Founders Hall. Upon investigation the alarm was determined to be false and the alarm was reset.

La Paloma: At 1:47 p.m. Public Safety responded to a call involving the possible use of counterfeit money.

Mission Parking Structure: At 6:13 p.m. Public Safety responded to a report of a vehicle damaging another vehicle while parking in the Missions Parking Structure.

San Rafael: At 9:30 p.m. Resident Assistants cited four students for Minor in Possession. In addition, two of the four students were also cited for Housing.

Manchester Village: At 9:42 p.m. Public Safety re-

sponded to a fire at Manchester Village. Upon investigation the cause of the alarm could not be determined and was reset.

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Alcala Park West: At 10:02 a.m. Public Safety responded to a report of a suspicious person on the Alcala Park West Property. Upon investigation the individual was contacted by Public Safety and asked to leave the property.

Copely Library: At approximately 11:03 p.m. Public Safety responded to a report of a stolen bicycle. The bicycle had been left unsecured in front of the Copely Library for approximately two hours prior to it being discovered missing.

Camino Residence Hall: At approximately 7:23

p.m. Public Safety was requested by Resident Assistants to respond to a possible marijuana incident. Resident Assistants indicated there had been a strong odor of marijuana at the time of the incident, and a towel was wedged under the resident's door. Upon investigation, no marijuana was found. However, students were cited for Minors in Possession for alcohol.

Science and Tech.: At 8:41 a.m. Public Safety responded to a report of a fire at the Shiley Theatre for Science and Technology. Upon investigation the fire was confined inside a fume hood and extinguished by a faculty member. Damage was minimal.

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Maher Hall: At approximately 12:03 a.m. Pub-

lic Safety responded to a Resident Assistant's request to investigate a marijuana incident. Upon investigation a resident was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

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Camino Residence Hall: At approximately 12:27 a.m. Public Safety was requested by Resident Assistants to assist with a Minor in Possession incident involving five individuals. Three of the individuals were not USD students. The USD students were cited for Minor in Possession of Alcohol and Hosting. The non-students were removed from campus.

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Laguna: At approximately 12:34 a.m. Resident Assistants cited one student for Minor in Possession and four other students

for being in the presence of alcohol.

San Juan: At approximately 1:00 a.m. a female student was found intoxicated and unable to care for herself. The student was voluntarily transported by Public Safety to detox. However, after arriving at detox the student became extremely agitated and was rejected by detox staff. The student was then arrested by San Diego Police and booked into jail.

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San Miguel: At 8:26 p.m. a Resident Assistant requested that Public Safety assist with a marijuana incident in San Miguel Resident hall. Upon investigation the resident was cited for possession of marijuana, marijuana paraphernalia and minor in possession of alcohol.

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My campus cash is good as gold



Patrick Brady

Campus Focus Editor

I recently had the misfortune of running afoul with USD Parking Services when I received a ticket for illegally parking in the Camino/Founders lot last week. Granted, I was completely in the wrong given that I had parked with full awareness of my mistake in the hope of getting away with it.

Nevertheless, when I happened upon the \$50 dollar ticket placed tightly under my windshield-wiper, I was prepared to shrug off the defeat and dip into my campus cash to cover the cost.

Much to my disappointment I was hit with a cruel dose of reality on Monday, Oct. 30 when I discovered that tickets could only be paid with cash or check.

This seemed a bit unfair to me, as my bank had already paid USD for my campus cash purchase, therefore this currency should be more than adequate.

Lets face it, a parking ticket is a campus bill; therefore shouldn't campus cash be an appropriate means of settling the balance?

It's bad enough that parking services takes the liberty of pre-reserving spots for non-USD guests, which ultimately makes parking even more difficult for off-campus commuters.

I can sympathize with any off-campus student who, like myself, have been roused into thinking they have landed the impossible spot adjacent to their building on Marian Way, only to discover that they have encountered a mirage, stamped with a green cone that reads, "Reserved."

Shouldn't parking services cut the off-campus commuter a little slack? We should be respected for our keen ability to hustle a designated parking space, instead of being slapped with a fine, that technically USD is n't legally allowed to wage.

In all honesty, I probably wouldn't have such issue with being legitimately punished for a crime I did indeed commit, however, the fact that the ticket was issued a mere 10 minutes after I had parked appears to demonstrate a degree of eagerness on the part of the men and women in the white golf carts.

If this university has any respect for the art of parking deception, they could at least let us use campus cash to pay for our self-inflicted fines. Is there any honor in this world anymore?

USD club soccer qualifies for Nationals

Colin Dowd

Guest Writer

The University of San Diego Club Soccer Team qualified for the national tournament this weekend, continuing an improbable streak made by a team that didn't exist three years ago.

Despite losing by a 3-2 penalty-kick upset to San Diego State in the state tournament on Saturday, USD received the second of two California bids to the national tournament, which will be held in Tempe, Ariz., Nov. 16-19.

USD, who finished second in the California A-League with a record of 5-1-1, began competing two years ago.

Last year's team won the B-League in their first year before winning the California Cup and advancing to the national quarterfinals, defeating Colorado State and the University of Michigan along the way.

That season, the Toreros had already defeated SDSU 3-1 in the first game of the season, and from there went on to

win four consecutive games over USC, Loyola Marymount, and UC Santa Barbara.

The season culminated with a win over UCSB (last year's A League champions), which sent a message to the rest of the league that 2005 was no fluke, as

Aztecs (2-3-2) but couldn't seem to put the game away.

A close shot by R.J. Miccio in the first half and a point-blank save against Chicho Macklis were the best scoring opportunities for the Toreros.

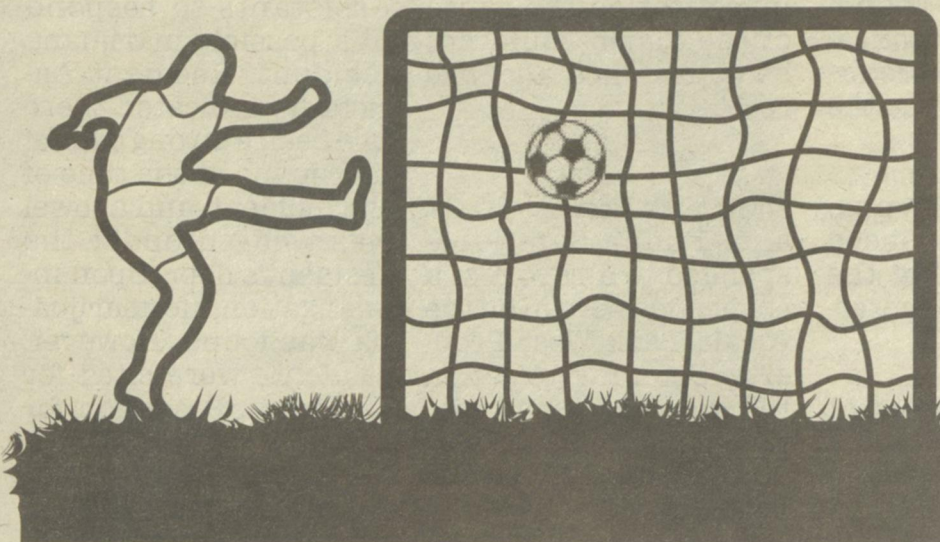
Goalkeeper Jonathan Granger came

up with a big save in the penalty shootout, but USD was unable to escape with the victory. USD Club Soccer's meteoric rise to success was due in large part to Coach Frank Pons' mentality of giving 110 percent in practice and games.

The Frenchman called upon his playing days as a defender to organize a Toreros

team that allowed just four goals in eight games this year, including four shutouts.

The group of ten seniors that lead this club soccer team are hoping to improve on last year's nationals performance, and feel that USD has what it takes to challenge for the national championship year.



GRAPHIC BY ASHTON TESKE

USD earned a #2 ranking in the Western Region.

This season, USD suffered their first home loss in two years to Cal, but bounced back to defeat Irvine on the road 2-1. However, a draw against UCLA on the last day of the season meant USD would finish second in the league.

USD had several chances against the

Binge drinking raises safety concerns

Patrick Brady

Campus Focus Editor

Linnete Manrique

Guest Writer

It's 5 a.m., and you've awoken abruptly from the cold linoleum floor your face has been resting on while you lay comatose aside a runny, porcelain toilet filled with alcohol refuse and the little food you consumed at dinner time. It's easy to shake off the black out as mindless college mischief that you have assumed comes with the territory, but perhaps it's something more.

Suddenly, you're not the successful, active student you once were. Your grades have begun to slip along with your motivation and hold on life, not to mention your waistline. I can get back on track you think, this is just a phase, it's not something I can't control, all my friends drink till they puke eventually, I don't have a problem, right?

Alcohol Edu and e-CHUG, which are programs that allow students to assess their habits and attitudes toward drinking, are currently used by the USD Alcohol and Other Drug Services Department in an effort to educate and raise alcohol awareness among students while reducing binge drinking.

Fueling the campaign is the new 2006 requirement, that all incoming freshman complete Alcohol EDU (three surveys that measure alcohol related attitudes and behaviors), or face a \$250 fine.

"There are two reasons why we made Alcohol Edu a requirement," Director of AODS, Louise Stanger said. "[It provides] a common knowledge and

language and the same level of education among people about alcohol."

Many have found the program to be both promising and useful.

"[Alcohol Edu is] a great resource where students can learn valuable information," David Buster, senior, said. "Since most college students drink, they should learn how to drink wisely."

Many agree with the programs noble attempt to promote alcohol safety and moderation while others have questioned its relevance.

"It's a waste of time," Julianne Kolar, sophomore, said. "It depicts too many stereotypical situations."

Despite the critics, Stanger is satisfied knowing that students, at the very least, are talking about the issue instead of ignoring it.

"The main point of Alcohol Edu is to raise a discussion and increase awareness among students," Stanger said.

However, Stanger may want to consider ways to make the program appear

more non-threatening, as uninformed students have voiced strong skepticism against having the program as a requirement altogether.

"I don't know anything about it, but I doubt it's really helpful," Kollar said. "Usually, the information gathered does not [accurately] pertain to alcohol use today."

One thing is for certain, students who failed to complete the survey by mid-October, were subject to penalty.

There is no guarantee to how successful the requirement will prove or disprove to be, but Stanger is trying to remain optimistic as she waits and sees.

"I can't say with certainty to what degree [the program will be] successful or if [it] will succeed in the future," Stanger said. "[As] we are still in the process of data collection."

Soon USD Alcohol and Other Drug Services Department will have an idea of the extent of student drinking habits, who is to say whether it's accurate?



GRAPHIC BY ASHTON TESKE

Children of Linda Vista seek tricks and treats at USD

Patrick Brady

Campus Focus Editor

Every year the children of Linda Vista converge on the USD campus on Halloween to show off their costumes.

Although the ultimate goal of most children is to fit as much candy as humanly possible into their tiny sacks, the children of Linda Vista appreciate the glowing attention they receive from USD campus observers.

This year's costumes ranged from super heroes like Batman and Superman, to pirates and

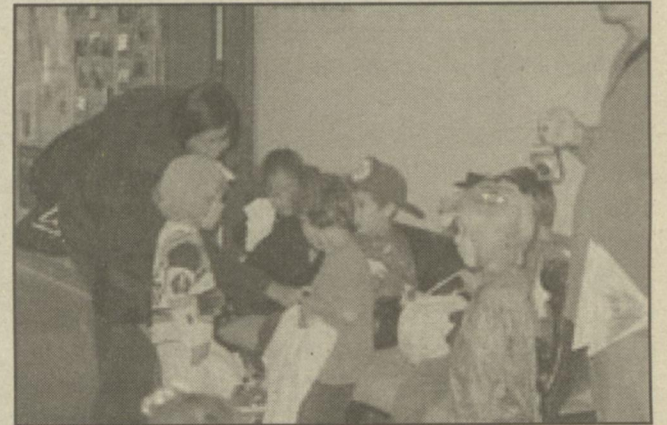
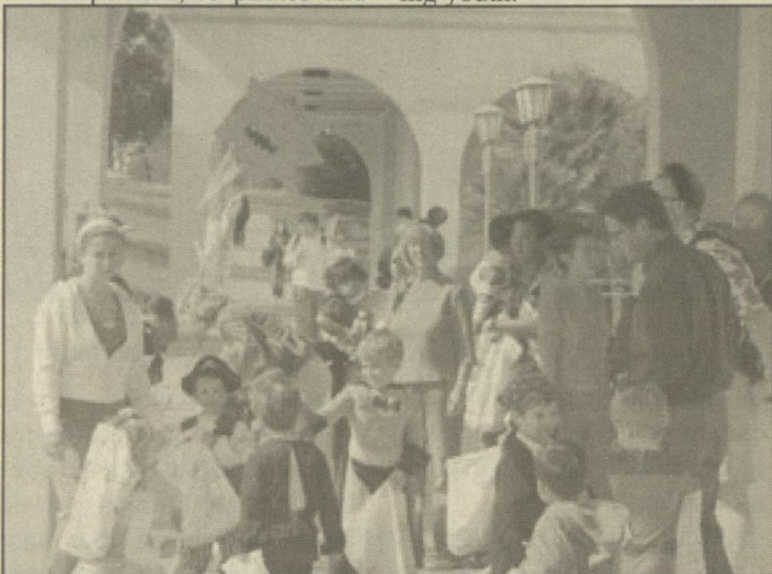
princesses. Many children received compliments for their creative efforts, while others simply enjoyed being in the spotlight for a day.

Of course, no class field trip would be complete without its share of cries and sniffles, but this year's visit was also accompanied by an outpouring of smiles and laughter.

USD students greatly enjoy hosting the young ghosts and goblins, as it provides them with the unique opportunity of bringing some joy to our growing youth.



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FUSO welcomes energetic keynote speakers

Group "iLL-Literacy" visits USD to discuss issues of race and culture on college campuses

Erline Aguiluz

Guest Writer

It has been said that a good public speaker can motivate an audience to seek progressive change.

In an attempt to conclude Filipino history month with momentum, the Filipino Ugayan Student Organization (FUSO) welcomed a keynote speaker on Thurs., Oct. 26 at the University Center.

This event, co-sponsored with Associated Students (AS) and the United Front Multi-Cultural Center (UFMC), featured the group "iLL-Literacy" (four performers from the bay area who express their experiences and views on cultural awareness through poetry and theatre).

"iLL-Literacy" consists of members Dahlak Brathwaite, Nico Cary, Adriel Luis and Ruby Veridiano-Ching; speakers who have garnered a reputation for bringing an excited energy to the stage as they address issues of culture, race, hatred and respect.

They performed, both as a

group and individually, a compilation of originally written pieces that encouraged audience participation.

In one of Brathwaite's pieces, he addressed the issue of inclusive and exclusive language witnessed through the negative misuse of the "n word," Cary stressed the concept of narrow-mindedness with regards to intolerance towards homosexuality and the use of racial stereotypes in video games.

Veridiano-Ching performed pieces regarding prejudice against interracial dating and the perceived misconstruction of the societal concept of love. Finally, Luis explained how self-hatred can exist in individuals, allowing them to be manipulated and absorbed by the influences of societal standards.

Several students were impressed by the group's ability to grab the audience immediately while communicating culturally loaded, societal issues.

"[iLL-Literacy's performance was] the truth amazingly told," Lan Nguyen, senior,



COURTESY OF ERLINE AGUILUZ

"iLL-Literacy" captured the mind of USD students during the student sponsored Filipino history month.

Others appreciated that the questions raised reflected pertinent issues that are prevalent in our current cultural society.

"I enjoyed how the group shared and addressed issues

that are relative to today's generation," Ashley Tan, sophomore, said. "They seemed in tune with our age group."

According to "iLL-literacy," intolerance should no longer be tolerated amongst college level

students and faculty.

Needless to say, the group's dynamic and inspirational ability as unique performers moved the audience to consider more public deliberation of cultural issues.

Breastival raises breast cancer awareness at USD

Dima Askar

Guest Writer

They are our mothers, grandmothers, sisters, daughters and friends. One in eight of them will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime.

"You are never too young to be informed," Kappa Kappa Gamma's Brittney Murrieta said of breast cancer.

Murrieta should know, her mother died of breast cancer last November.

Bringing Breastival to USD "is the best way to honor her memory and all those who are affected by this disease," Mur-

rieta said.

"The purpose of Breastival is to make people aware and educate them, especially young women and to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation," said KKG Philanthropy Chair Meghan McGuire.

KKG has also promoted participation in the Komen Foundation's 10th annual "San Diego Race for the Cure" this Sunday in Balboa Park.

In California alone, nearly 20,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year. In the United States, close to 200,000 women are diagnosed

with breast cancer annually. All ages and races are affected, according to the California Department of Health and

"It was shocking to me that one of the speakers was diagnosed at age 26"

Meghan McGuire, KKG Philanthropy Chair

Services.

The Breastival began on Mon., Oct. 23 with a public presentation by three breast cancer survivors.

Allison Briggs, 27, was diagnosed a year ago with breast cancer. Melodie Lewis, 52, was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 50.

Bobbie Langford, 39, from the Young Survival Coalition, an international nonprofit organization, was diagnosed two years ago when she was planning her wedding.

"It was shocking to me that one of the speakers was diagnosed at age 26," McGuire said.

The message the speak-

ers all had in common to the young women and men in the audience is that "you can survive it," Lewis said.

"I am here to support the fight against breast cancer," Kellie Shultz, sophomore, said. "The best you can do is educate yourself and be aware of the signs your body gives you. Be prepared and be strong."

Langford advises young women "to do the breast self-exam. Be familiar with the look and feel of the breast. Early detection can save your life."

Also, talk to your doctor about a clinical breast exam when you notice a change in your breasts."

A monthly breast self-exam is an important defense in the early detection and prevention of breast cancer.

The best time to perform the test is a few days after the menstrual cycle ends. In addition to a monthly self exam, women 20 to 39 should have a clinical breast exam every three years, in which the doctor performs a visual exam and a manual exam to look and feel for any abnormal signs in the breast.

Women over the age of 40 have a higher risk of breast

cancer and should get examined every year.

"Chemotherapy was the most difficult thing ever, but I didn't give up because my husband supported me."

"He never missed an appointment and he went to all the therapy sessions with me," Langford said. "Never lose faith."

The Breastival ended on Oct. 26 with carnival games, prizes and food in front of the UC. Representatives from Sharp and Scripps hospitals, the Komen Foundation, Young Survival Coalition and Y Me were present to educate students about breast cancer.

Among the donated prizes were three-month passes and discounted student memberships to 24 Hour Fitness.

"We are supporting Breastival because physical activity has a huge impact on preventing breast cancer," company representative Ana Walden said.

Those interested in participating in the San Diego Race for the Cure may register online at SDKomen.org.

The City of Hope Cancer Center's 5k Walk for Hope is scheduled for March 24, at USD. You can register online at www.walk4hope.org.



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Kappa Kappa Gamma celebrates Breastival in front of UC building.

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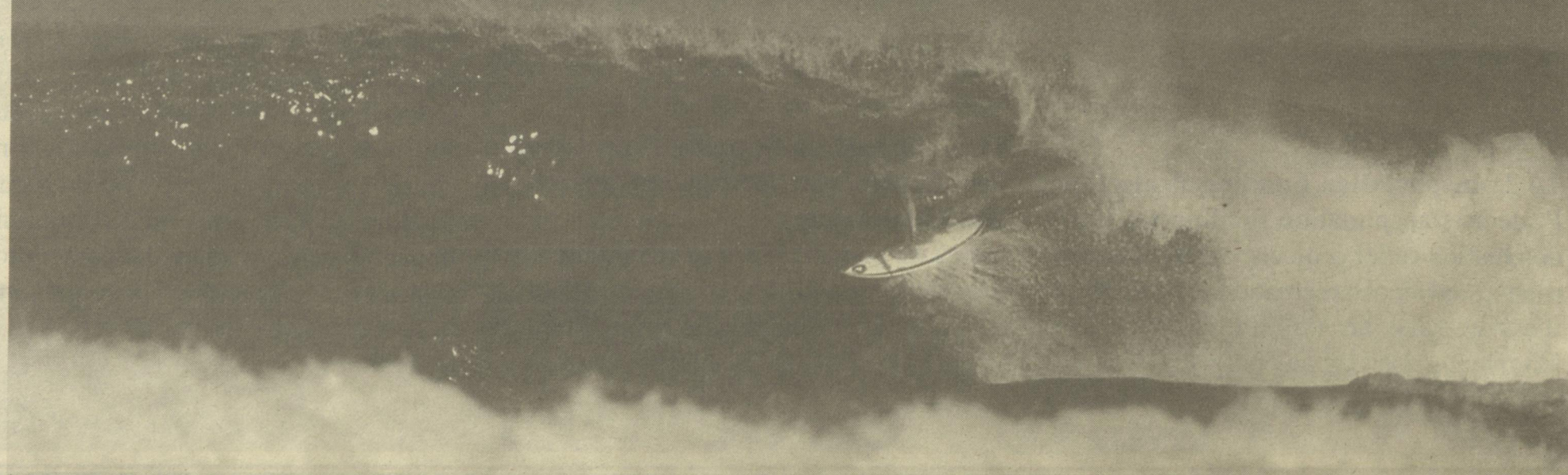
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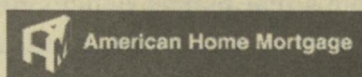
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CASTING AN INFORMED VOTE IN THE 2007 ELECTION

Natalie Zanzucchi

Editor-in-Chief

This year's midterm elections will take place on Tues., Nov. 7. State and local propositions will be on the ballot as well as elections for State Executive offices, US Senate seats, US Representative, State Senate, State Assembly, Board of Equalization, Judicial Board, School Board, City Mayors and City Council Members.

In an attempt to give students a guide of sorts to the many propositions they will encounter on the ballot this year, *The Vista* has chosen several state propositions for explication.

Additionally, Dr. Del Dickson, Chair of the Department of Political Science, was asked to provide some predictions. Both Young Democrats and College Republicans were approached and asked to elaborate on several key propositions their respective parties have some stake in. The input from both of these organizations is featured at the right.

All of the immediately following information has been taken directly from the San Diego County Voter Information at www.smartvoter.org - League of Women Voters of California Education Fund.

State Propositions:

1A Transportation Funding Protection

Protects transportation funding for traffic congestion relief projects, safety improvements, and local streets and roads. Prohibits the state sales tax on motor vehicle fuels from being used for any purpose other than

transportation improvements. (Put on the ballot by the Legislature).

ID Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities

This \$10,416,000,000 bond issue will provide needed funding to relieve public school overcrowding and to repair older schools. It will improve earthquake safety and fund vocational educational facilities in public schools. Bond funds must be spent according to strict accountability measures. Funds will also be used to repair and upgrade existing public college and university buildings and to build new classrooms to accommodate the growing student enrollment in the California Community Colleges, the University of California, and the California State University. (Put on the ballot by the Legislature).

IE Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention

This act rebuilds and repairs California's most vulnerable flood control structures to protect homes and prevent loss of life from flood-related disasters, including levee failures, flash floods and mudslides. By authorizing a \$4.09 billion dollar bond act, it protects California's drinking water supply system by rebuilding delta levees that are vulnerable to earthquakes and storms. (Put on the ballot by the Legislature).

83 Sex Offenders. Sexually Violent Predators. Punishment, Residence Restrictions and Monitoring

Increases penalties for violent and habitual sex offenders and child molesters. Prohibits residence near schools and parks. Requires Global Positioning System monitoring of

registered sex offenders. (Put on the ballot by Petition Signatures).

85 Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of a Minor's Pregnancy

Amends California Constitution prohibiting abortion for unemancipated minor until 48 hours after physician notifies minor's parent/guardian, except in medical emergency or with parental waiver. Authorizes monetary damages against physicians for violation. (Put on the ballot by Petition Signatures)

87 Alternative Energy. Research, Production, Incentives. Tax on California Oil Producers

Establishes \$4 billion program to reduce petroleum consumption through incentives for alternative energy, education and training. Funded by tax on California oil producers. (Put on the ballot by Petition Signatures).

88 Education Funding. Real Property Parcel Tax

Imposes \$50 tax on each real property parcel to provide additional public school funding for kindergarten through grade 12. Use of funds restricted to specific educational purposes. (Put on the ballot by Petition Signatures).

89 Political Campaigns. Public Financing. Corporate Tax Increase. Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Limits

Provides that eligible candidates for state elective office may receive public campaign funding. Increases tax on corporations and financial institutions by 0.2 percent to fund program. Imposes new campaign contribution/expenditure limits. (Put on the ballot by Petition Signatures).

Steve Britt - Young Democrats

Staff Writer

Prop 1A - We support Prop 1A because it does not raise taxes or fees. Prop 1A locks in the fees that are charged when you pay for gas at the pump towards paying for road improvements. The only time this money could be used for anything else is in a true emergency and can only be done two times every ten years.

Prop 85 - does not protect those in special cases such as victims incest or rape. It would require minors to notify their parents before undergoing an abortion. If passed, it will create a dangerous atmosphere for girls whose parents would not allow her to go through with an abortion, thus increasing 'back-alley abortions' and is the first step towards outlawing abortions.

Prop 87 - is a much needed step towards ending American dependence on foreign oil. It would tax the excessive profits oil companies have been accumulating from consumers and would force oil companies to pay their fair share through research and development of alternative energy sources.

Prop 89 - is a move towards cutting out interest group funding for politicians. It would allow candidates to run 'clean campaigns' and receive public funding, not allowing candidates to receive any donations over \$5 per donor. This prop. would be funded by raising taxes on large corporations (who generally donate to candidates anyway). This would be a voluntary system, but would do much to end the problematic connection between politicians and special interests who pay to get them elected.

Prop 90 - is opposed by nearly every legitimate organization in Calif.-including both parties. The fine print includes a clause that allows anyone to sue the government anytime they feel that a state project impacts the value of their property. Every time a regulation is made a person has the right to sue the government for claimed damages to their property. This will result in many frivolous lawsuits and the driving up of state costs as well as make it hard to pass environmental laws.

Joseph Smits - College Republicans

Guest Writer

Prop 1A - would ensure taxes collected from gas would be used for transportation purposes, as opposed to going to the California general fund. It makes sense that only those who use the roads - those who get gas - should be the ones to pay for improvements.

Prop 83 - mandates residency restrictions and GPS monitoring for sex offenders. The ACLU champions the personal rights of sexual offenders, but it is easy to see the disastrous aftermath of their efforts. It is the Republican stance to take preventative measures to ensure that dangerous sexual offenders do not lay claim to another victim.

Prop 85 - There is no justification to allow under-aged minors to make this decision alone, without parental input. There have been many situations where young girls have been manipulated to get an abortion by their rapists, all without any sort of parental notification. In consideration of the incest question, this is a rare but tragic situation that needs to be addressed separately.

Prop 86 - would raise the price of cigarettes by \$2.60, raising California's excise tax to \$3.47. Less than 10 percent of it would actually go to tobacco/smoking recovery and teen prevention programs. Most funds would aid hospital programs, of which a small percentage might go to breast cancer. This prop. will waste money that belongs to the consumer; it is unreasonable to tax a minimal group of people for purposes that don't concern them.

Prop 87 - will increase the tax on oil production and consumers will pay more at the pump. It also means a greater dependence on foreign oil and a new bureaucracy of 50 political appointees with no accountability to taxpayers. Energy advancement is a must for the US, but one thing we do not need is a new billion-dollar bureaucracy. This is not the answer to replacing fossil fuels. This prop. would waste billions in a bureaucratic whirlwind to which the results would be meager.

Predictions

Dr. Del Dickson

Political Science Dept Chair

Tired of voting for losers? With this handy voting guide you can back the winners this year, no matter what you think of them.

Governor: Arnold Schwarzenegger v. Phil Angelides. It looks like a sequel is in the can for the Kindergarten Cop. Two keys to his success: acting like a Democrat for the last six months to outflank Angelides, and constantly crowing that he won't raise taxes while seeking to borrow more than \$43 billion for new pet projects. Expect Schwarzenegger to go back to being a Republican on Nov. 8. He will spend the borrowed money like a drunken Congressman and cause the state's real budget deficits to explode. Which do you prefer, a tax-and-spend Democrat or a borrow-and-spend Republican? Looks like the latter.

Propositions 1A-1E. Schwarzenegger refused to endorse 1A, which would stop the governor from taking gasoline sales tax revenue away from transportation projects and using it to balance the state budget. The governor backs 1B-1E, which float more than \$37 billion in bonds for transportation (1B), housing (1C), schools (1D) and flood protection (1E). All are leading in the polls right now, but there are still lots of undecided voters who could declare one or more of these propositions 1-F.

Proposition 85. Parental notification for minors seeking abortions. This is the second attempt by Jim Holman, publisher of local alternative newspaper, *The Reader*, to require parental notification and a 48 hour waiting period for a minor seeking to terminate her pregnancy, with a judicial bypass and medical emergency alternative. The law would become part of the state constitution, which would require a 2/3 vote to rescind. Holman lost by a wide margin the last time, but hopes that sentiment among California voters has changed to start rolling back *Roe v. Wade*. The most current poll shows a statistical tie, with more than ten percent of the electorate still undecided. Too close to call.

Proposition 87. Oil tax. Places a temporary tax on all oil extracted from the state, ranging from 1.5 to 6 percent, depending on the price of raw crude. The money—\$4 billion in total—would go to pay for alternative energy programs and for conservation. After reaching the target figure, the tax would be abolished. Endorsed by Bill Clinton, Al Gore and largely financed by Steve Bing (you know him as the casual father of Elizabeth Hurley's young son, Damian). Supporters note that oil companies are prohibited by law from passing the tax on to consumers and argue that it will lead to less dependence on foreign oil. Opposed by Chevron, which warns that the tax will lead to more expensive gasoline and increased dependence on foreign oil. It might come down to who you trust more, Clinton or Chevron? Chevron has the edge for now, with 43 percent in favor to 47 percent opposed. It will be close.

Proposition 89. Campaign finance reform. Limits contributions to candidates for state offices and for ballot propositions. Provides public funding for state candidates who abide by the limits, and provides them with more money if their opponents do not comply with established limits. Opponents of Prop 89 have outspent supporters by more than 6-1 and it shows: 61 percent of voters expect to vote no. Duke Cunningham?

Proposition 90. Eminent domain. Makes it more difficult for government to condemn private property and requires compensation if property is devalued by environmental, public safety, zoning or other government action. A reaction against the Supreme Court's *Kelo* decision, this law would make it almost impossible for the government to create new environmental laws, workplace safety rules, zoning laws or urban renewal/slum abatement projects. Supporters include Tom McClintock and the California Republican Party. The proposition is being funded by conservative New York real estate investor Howie Rich and Montanans in Action, a secretive group which has so far refused to disclose its members' names. The latest polls show the ayes winning, 46 percent to 31 percent, with the rest undecided. Fewer than 30 percent of those polled knew anything about the proposition, indicating that the numbers might be fluid and the race could be close.

Abstinence campaigns are unrealistic



Sarah Miller

Opinion Editor

The government has recently found another way to waste taxpayer dollars. Instead of using the money for imperative social programs such as improving education, preserving open spaces or health care, the government has chosen to expand its abstinence-only programs.

These programs, which have largely been targeted at teens, will now be targeting young adults between the ages of 20 and 29 who are unmarried.

This means that college campuses across the nation could be inundated with federally funded programs telling you how to live your life.

This policy represents the growing tendency of a Christian directed president and legislature to create and enforce culturally irrelevant solutions based on a "family values" platform with which younger generations do not identify.

This is to say that the Abstinence Initiative's greatest enemy is not the "ill-educated" high school and college students it aims to inform, but the whole American youth culture in which mass media has pervaded young minds with the idea that premarital sex is simply an expression of affection.

From the Catholic perspective, contraception interferes with life's natural formation. As stated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, all sexual acts must be "unitive and open to the possibility of procreation." Thus, abstinence is the best method for preventing unplanned pregnancy.

How can these modestly funded programs unearth years of culture imbedded in the American youth by MTV, Hollywood, pop culture, and the pornographic industry- which generates annual revenues of over \$10 billion according to the Free Speech Coalition?

The answer is that they cannot-this is money wasted by an emotionally driven religious agenda, and it shows just how much our government is out of touch with American culture.

The government's recent obsession

with abstinence campaigns is rash and disillusioned. If they were trying to target a group of people of whom the majority still were abstinent, then this would be a legitimate initiative.

Yet current levels of sexual activity in young people suggest that the government is reaching out to an audience that will not be receptive to this message.

Approximately 90 percent of men and women between the ages of 22-24 report having had sex, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation Sept. 2006 statistic report, as well as the National Center for Health Statistics.

If by the age of 22, 90 percent of people are already sexually active, directing abstinence campaigns at this group is illogical. Recently released government data shows that 998,262 births in 2004 were to unmarried women between the ages of 22 and 29. There are two factors to be discussed here.

One is that sexual activity leads to in-

creased pregnancy rates as well as sexually transmitted diseases. The second is the issue of marriage and children.

Although there has been significant improvement in the past few years in regards to teen pregnancies, the causes of this are not solely related to abstinence

campaigns.

Improved and accessible contraception and sexual education are also contributing factors.

As for the issue of marriage and children, this policy blindly forgets that half of marriages end in divorce anyway, leaving broken homes for the child. Divorce is a traumatic experience for children and has significant long-term consequences on their well-being. Who is to say that child rearing by a married couple that ends in a nasty divorce is better than a couple cohabiting that don't want to marry but have a child? Birth out of wed-lock does not mean the child is without a family.

If our society is functioning properly, people in their twenties should be able to make informed decisions as well as face the consequences of their actions.

A campaign discussing safe sex and healthy views on relationships would be much more effective at reducing unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases in young adults.

As opposed to programs combating HIV or unplanned pregnancies, the question of sex and marriage should never be in the hands of the government.

Responsible citizens vote in midterm elections



Natalie Zanzucchi

Editor In Chief

It makes me sick to hear people complain about their elected officials, allocation of city and state funds and other issues that get put on the ballot during midterm elections.

It frustrates me even more when I read statistics that demonstrate a painfully low voter-turnout rate among young voters. According to civicyouth.org, only 22 percent of young voters voted in the 2002 midterm election.

A July 26 edition of The Providence Journal explained "while congressional elections - particularly midterms - tend to get less attention than presidential elections, they sometimes bring equally important shifts in the nation's political direction."

In 1994 the Republican Party gained control of the Senate. If Democrats do not regain control, left leaning sentiments will continue to be ignored at a national level.

The ideological makeup of the judicial branch of the government is contingent upon midterm elections. This year California Supreme Court and California State Court of Appeal justices will appear on the ballot.

President Bush has already appointed one Chief Justice and one Associate Justice. Should Bush have the opportunity to appoint any additional members of the judicial branch, it is imperative, in my opinion, that the Democrats regain control of the Senate.

Midterm elections provide the op-

portunity for voters to decide who will represent them at the national and state levels as US Senators, US Representatives, State Senators and State Assemblymen and women.

These are the people who are supposed to compose our system of checks and balances and we get to elect them.

In 2004 and 2005 numerous pieces of legislation were passed and signed into law, tabled or completely turned down. Five pieces of important legislation concerning violence against women passed and were signed into law. To maintain this kind of progression in our legal system, voters must take responsibility for the decisions they make that put officials into office.

Midterm elections also give voters a chance to decide who makes decisions at a much more local level.

This year mayors for the cities of Carlsbad, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Escondido, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, National City, Poway, San Marcos and Vista. City Council Members, City Clerks and Treasurers are also up for election.

In a city where our fiscal state should be a huge concern of voters, everyone should be turning out to vote.

State and local propositions proposed by both members of the Legislature as well as by citizens who have signed Petitions will appear on the ballot as well.

Decisions will be made by voters this year concerning everything from parental notification for minors who seek abortions to stricter punishment for sex offenders. Issues on the ballot can and do affect college-aged people. We are the constituency with low voter-turnout rates and it is about time we change that.

Such low voter turnout rates, especially among my contemporaries, shock me. This is the "six-year itch," the final midterm election during the second term of a president and voters should not wait to take action until the election for his successor.

Letters to the Editor

Parking issues on campus

There are many small things that make life well worth living, stopping to smell the roses, imagining puppies riding unicorns through fields of daisies, and of course, receiving fifty-dollar parking tickets.

Nothing can accurately describe the irrepressible joy I receive upon finding the venerable pink slip upon my windshield, delightfully informing me of my misconduct and most respectfully requesting 50 dollars that I don't have in order to build more reserved parking spaces.

Indeed, one can only hope that in the near future they raise the cost of parking permits and decrease the amount of student parking, perhaps even cutting off tram services so that commuters may have the increased joy of walking twenty minutes to class every day.

I can picture our parking benefactors now, sitting in a large room replete with

leather chairs and roaring fire, smoking cigars and drinking brandy from snifters.

How they must sit and discuss current political issues as well as how they may best inconvenience the student body.

All the while I sit in my miserable hovel, clutching my parking ticket and lamenting the bittersweet joy of paying the school more money at the cost of eating and paying the electric bill.

So please, increase the price of parking tickets, perhaps even throw in a demand for corporal punishment, one hundred lashes for parking in a convenient location!

Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to draft another letter, this one to the orphanage for kittens and baby turtles, explaining why I can't write them a charity check this month due to my parking fortunes.

Most Respectfully Yours,
Zach Barr, Sophomore

Global warming forces countries to collaborate

Michelle Darnall

Guest Writer

Depending on who you talk to, global warming is either considered one of the greatest threats to mankind or an exaggerated issue that does not pose an immediate danger.

Regardless of your stance on the issue, no one can ignore the fact that global warming is occurring at an increasing rate each year.

Al Gore has made environment issues his main concern, particularly with his film, "An Inconvenient Truth."

Gore insists that "humanity is sitting on a ticking time bomb" and that the planet is spiraling into a future of epic destruction.

While I must applaud Gore for his efforts regarding environmental issues, the film, like any of its kind, can easily manipulate facts and lead to exaggerations.

I would encourage anyone interested in the issue to examine the facts from all sides before accepting any opinion.

There is no doubt that global warming is occurring; the United Nations definitely thinks so and most scientists studying climate agree.

Almost all experts agree that human activities; mainly industrialization, burning forests and any release of gases into the atmosphere drives the trend.

The UN's International Panel on Climate control says that the 21st century could see temperatures rise three to eight degrees.

The World Health Organization estimates that about 160,000 people die each year from the side effects of global warming, ranging from heat stroke to malaria.

The world's population explosion,

which by 2050 is predicted to reach 9.1 billion, has increased the demand for energy, water and food, contributing to the problem of global warming.

While I don't believe global warming is the end of the world as we know it, I think it's an issue that must be addressed for future generations before it's too late.

Once people recognize there's a problem, direct action must take place.

The Kyoto Protocol was negotiated in 1997 and is an international agreement that aims at stabilizing greenhouse gas emissions.

As of Sept. 2005, 156 countries have ratified the Protocol, including every major industrialized country — except the United States, Australia and Monaco.

The European Union, which produces about 21 percent of greenhouse emissions and the UN strongly support the action against global warming.

Why then, is the most industrialized nation, responsible for the highest percentage of greenhouse emissions, not joining the international fight for this issue?

The United States has not ratified the protocol, partly, because it binds industrialized nations to specific emissions targets, regardless of cost.

However, the poorer nations of the world will be hardest hit by continued global warming, and to what lengths is the US willing to go to help?

The fact that many scientists agree on is that greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide and methane, contribute to global warming by trapping heat in the atmosphere.

The water and air around us cannot be fenced off, so we need coercive action.

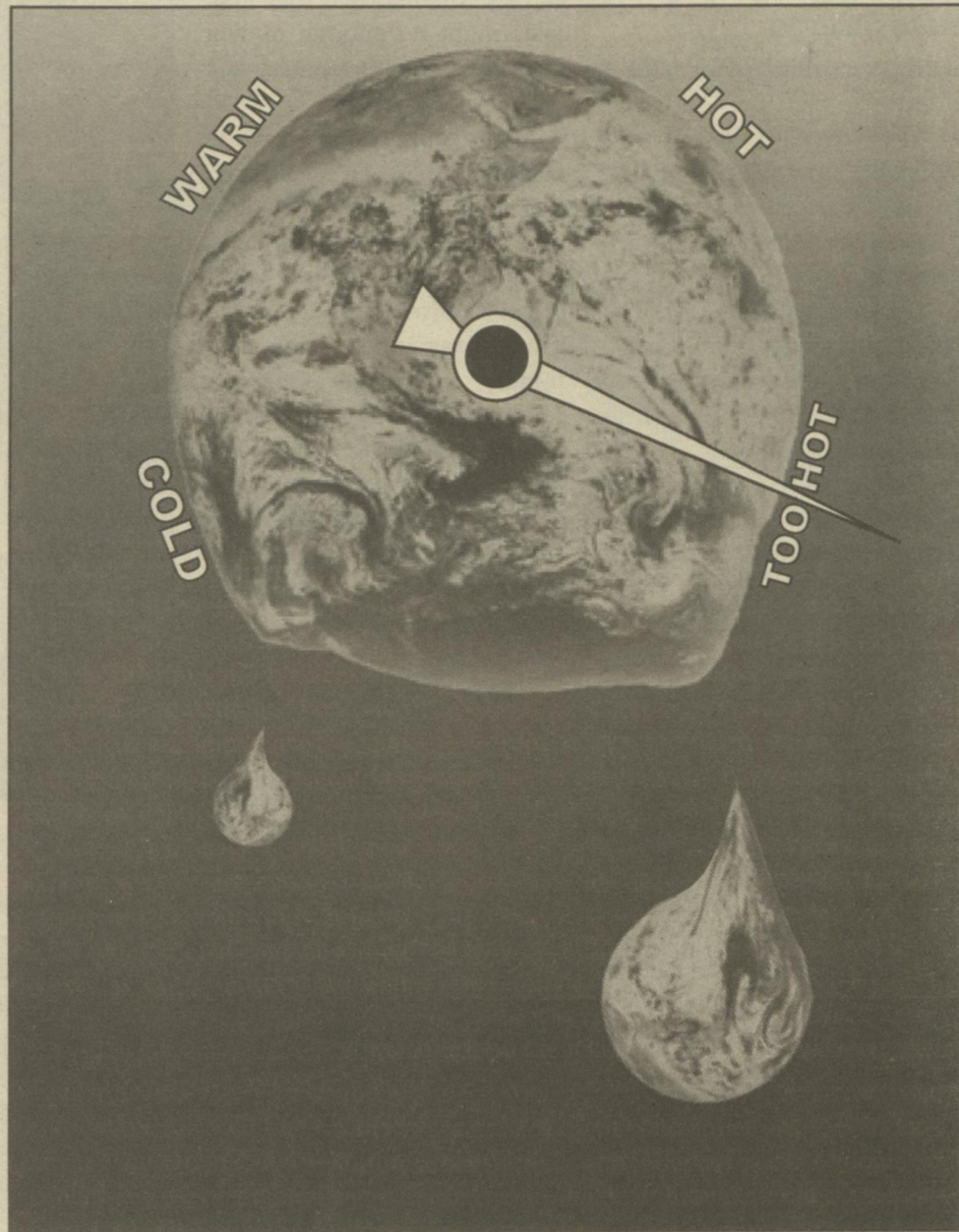


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Global warming is said to increase global temperatures five degrees this century.

The Kyoto Protocol is a key step in helping to stop global warming but it will only be effective if there is total cooperation at the international level with each country doing its part.

When it comes to the global environment, people, regardless of nationality,

have linked fates, and our success may depend on our ability to confront and overcome environmental issues.

Group benefits require group efforts and I believe that every nation should join in the fight against global warming.

Government officials fail to represent student life

Stewart True

GUEST WRITER

Voter turnout seems to be the conundrum of the century. The voter turnout of teens and young adults across the country is surprisingly low.

According to Child Trends Research, only 32 percent of young adults ages 18 to 24 voted in the 2000 presidential election.

If you ask young people, they would be the first to claim that current politicians and political figures don't represent their values.

"I believe in the right to vote, but I just don't feel like I have enough knowledge to make a decision..." Adam Cuadra, sophomore, said. "I see myself as a centrist and none of these politicians represent what I think or what I believe in."

If students chose to get out and vote they could make a difference. Politicians track the age of their voters, so until young people begin to vote, representatives will cater to older citizens.

The low voting and participation rate among 18 to 30 year-olds hurts more than just those who participate in elections.

It means that issues pertinent to

younger people do not get the attention they deserve from government. This leads to further alienation and ultimately undermines democracy itself.

The average voter turn out among college students is around 30 percent.

Kendrick said that students just don't realize what power they have when they vote, "The Grossmont's school district is a great example" Mr. Kendrick states.

Recently, the Grossmont school district benefited from a vote for new funding of the property. The measure passed by a 1 percent margin.

Why is it that college students do not involve themselves in politics, yet remain the loudest critics of the politicians? Perhaps students just don't know where to start.

Dr. Del Dickson, professor and chair of the USD Political Science Department said that a majority of students have a natural curiosity about politics.

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In his experience, college students have not grasped the concept of what it means to vote and to be involved in politics.

"They haven't had the vote for very long," he said, "But there is a small,

special group of students with the drive and motivation to dive head first into politics. Those students are rather rare," Dickson said.

For Dickson, the right to vote was at last being able to participate in a "grand old circus that he had been itching to

join as a kid."

For most college students, that is just not the case. Although the majority of students are curious about politics, the bug of political involvement hasn't bitten them.

Dickson attributes this to family involvement as well as education.

"These questions about politics ought to be worked out when we are children, and by the time we are 18 we should be old hands at the democratic process,

eager to step up to participate in democratic politics. I wish that we, as a society, were better at getting people ready to participate in politics well before they reach the age of majority."

Dickson said that as absentee ballots become a more viable method for voting and as the citizenry focuses on distractions around them, fewer people have the sense of the efficacy of uniting as a community and voting together.

Given these compounded factors, maybe we are expecting too much from young voters right off the bat.

Since there are a majority of students who are just looking for ways to become involved, it makes sense to inform the students of the various groups and events available on campus.

The USD College Republicans and the USD Young Democrats are making efforts to add new members to their groups.

Choosing a political party, surrounding oneself with like-minded individuals, no matter which side of the aisle one chooses to fall on, can be a good step towards becoming involved in the political process. Election day is Tues. Nov. 7.

So what would happen if young adults voted in greater numbers? Let's find out by voting this Tues.

Why America will vote for Barack Obama

Kate Sullivan

Chief Copy Editor

The cover of last week's issue of Time Magazine featured the bright face of my home-state senator, Barack Obama.

Located just to the right of his prominent nose and ever-so-slight smile was the title of the spread: "The Next President."

This isn't surprising; all Illinoisans, from Chicago Tribune editors to Vienna Beef hot dog vendors, have been boasting that Obama is a surefire winner for the 2008 Presidential election, even before his landslide defeat of Alan Keyes for the US Senate seat in 2004.

But as Obama's election bid seems more and more like a reality, the question on all American's minds seems to be: "Can Barack Obama be the next president?"

Obama seems to be the senator that has it all: he is intelligent yet humble, he is liberal yet pragmatic with conservative interests and he maintains a strong faith without sacrificing political integrity.

Audiences all over Illinois are drawn to his down-to-earth charisma, and he enjoys national publicity and praise that other senators can only dream of.

In a phrase, America loves

Barack Obama, and that love just might be enough to win him a Democratic primary and the presidency.

Many people point to a white elephant, albeit an ironic one, that might confound Obama's political aspirations: his race.

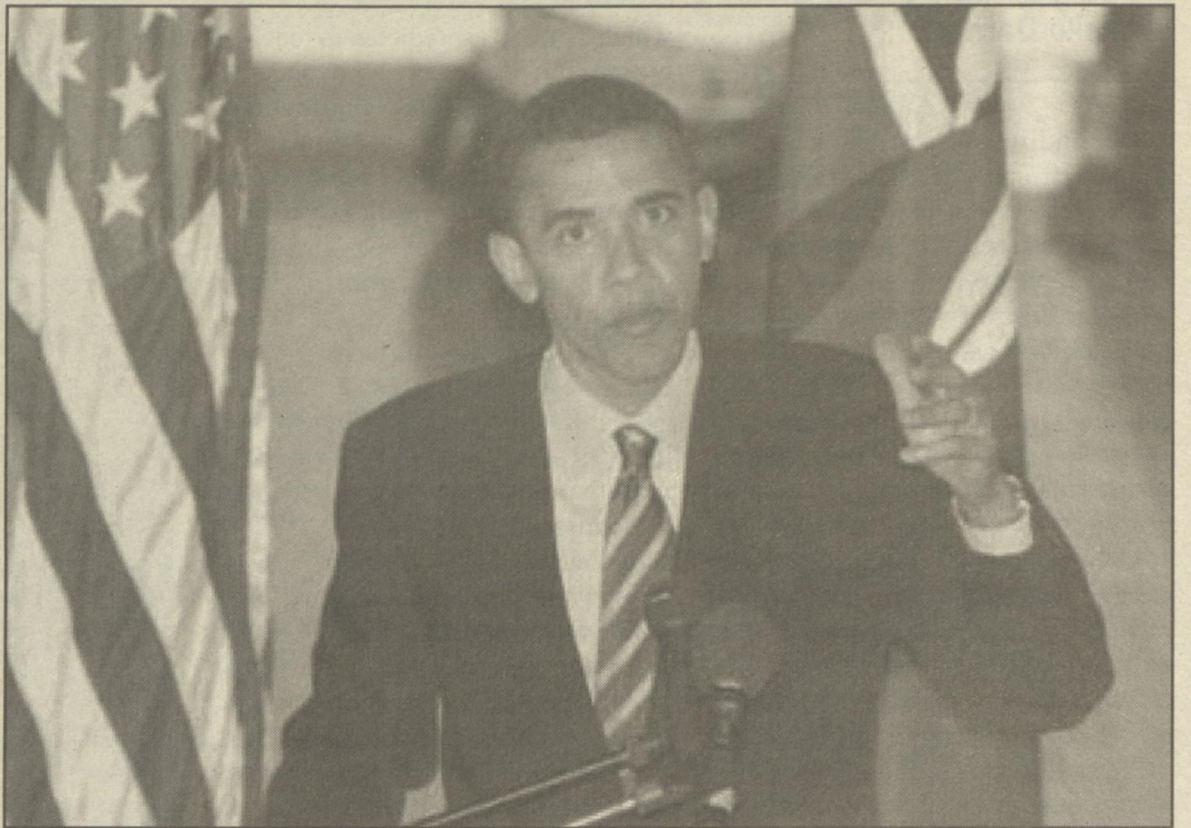
Those fears aren't completely unfounded. Even the Time Magazine article asininely compared Obama's fame to the likes of Oprah Winfrey and Tiger Woods and liberally quotes racial apologist Shelby Steele (who was quoted as saying white people like a black candidate better when he doesn't rub their faces in racial guilt).

These comments aren't racist necessarily, but they do demonstrate a certain racial ignorance that has the potential to frustrate black voters and Obama himself as publicity about his candidacy increases.

However, Obama seems to take these kind of comments in stride, and white voters, according to Time, are "out of control" for Obama.

If race is going to be a problem in the '08 election, it will more likely come from black voters who doubt his allegiance to the community than latent white racism.

Which brings me to my final point: maybe we shouldn't be asking if Obama can be elected President (for clearly he can), but why he would be elected president.



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Barack Obama, D-IL, has made statements insinuating that he plans to run for president in 2008.

Let me ask you something. Do you know where Barack Obama stands on terror? Education? Alternative energy? Don't feel bad if you don't.

Even Time had trouble getting more than a token answer out of Obama regarding risky policy decisions he might make.

And another thing. Barack Obama has been a part of the national Senate for a grand total of two years.

That's pretty green for someone whose looking to take the highest political office in the US.

So here's another question: does it matter? The United States has illustrated time and again that they are willing to get behind a charismatic leader more than a political tactician (think Reagan and Clinton).

Obama, more so than any other candidate that has presidential aspirations for '08, is an example of Americans' uncanny ability to put policy and experience aside for someone they get a good feeling about.

Instead of naturally criticizing a potential president's policy for its merit, we judge based on how much we "like"

the candidate, whether it be because of their race, the way they talk, where they are from, or how strong of a man we think they are.

Isn't this the real issue surrounding Obama's potential bid for president – that a leader can hide behind a pretty face or a pleasing demeanor and avoid serious policy decisions?

Probably, but I'm going to vote for him anyway. I mean, come on.

He's a Democrat, and he lives in Chicago. I've got a good feeling about him.

Student demands a new look at opinion section

Daniel Lynch

Guest Writer

Reading over the opinion columns in *The Vista* week after week has become increasingly excruciating for me as I pour over the ill-informed mess that liberal minded students create.

Prior to me actually addressing these people, it was my assumption that they were deliberately stifling opinion pieces that did not reek of anti-Bush, anti-government components.

Yet much to my surprise I discovered that the only thing that is suppressing a more dynamic reflection of issues in *The Vista's* opinion section is the apathy of the students at this university.

It was explained to me that with every complaint to this column's editor, the opportunity to write and be published without censure was offered to critics, yet none of them actually followed up with a column.

Consequently, it is my intention to temporarily correct this imbalance and perhaps provide some motivation to anyone out there who has contest with

The Vista's implied "opinions" on government and foreign policy.

That said, let's look first at an article from two weeks ago "United States Must Uphold NPT in times of Crisis."

The Vista's opinion editor claims that the U.S. is taking a stand towards nuclear weapon proliferation that is undermining previous treaties and will lead to global instability.

I would argue that the recent shift in production to low yield nuclear weapons that are more conducive to the triad of bombers, ICBMs and ballistic missile submarines is in keeping with the best interests of the military- and in turn the country.

Additionally, the Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos laboratories are conducting research for the office of homeland security that is integral to screening imported containers and other objects for security threats like dirty bombs.

There is a point at which

every American must compromise between an idealistic humanitarian outlook on world affairs and come to the pragmatic realization that it is only through a sustained possession of superior force that the United States has maintained

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Dan Lynch

its progress and can provide the lifestyle and opportunities for its populace.

Looking over "Legislation Sparks Moral Controversy," also written by *The Vista's* opinion editor, the argument is that the U.S. is compromising its moral integrity by redefin-

ing torture under the Geneva Convention.

Again, the author fails to acknowledge why this is an issue. Historically the U.S. has set the example in terms of humane prisoner treatment.

Yet with a new war against a different enemy, new definitions are required to effectively combat terrorist tactics.

Our enemies are no longer fighting for a nation or government that can negotiate for their return.

They are fanatics fighting for religious ideals as though they have nothing to lose. Thus it is important that the U.S. adapt its tactics accordingly.

Finally, looking at the October 19th article, "Democrat values bolstered by Republican incompetence," the author mentions a slew of shortcomings that he assumes will bolster his point. Yet on every point that he mentions, controversy and debate abound.

Specifically looking at what he calls "an endless war

that seems to only be getting worse," I would argue that in terms of overall cost-benefit and when seen in a historical light, the opposite is true- that this conflict represents an effective employment of necessary foreign policy.

That is, when one considers that only a fraction of a percent of all of the military personnel who have fought in Iraq over the last three years have died, this war has been largely successful compared to wars of years past.

It is the tides of dissent that have become a component of popular American culture that are undermining our efforts in Iraq.

If Americans only had the courage of their convictions to understand the price of America's success, then this dissent would not be a problem.

Please use this piece as an incentive to express yourself- however you feel about politics, foreign policy, or campus issues. Together we can end *The Vista's* opinion editorial reign of terror and win back the hearts and minds of USD.

Taco Bell and the root of addiction



Andrew Marzoni
Arts & Culture Editor

I have an extremely addictive personality. It seems that whenever I do something just once, I'm hooked. Whether it's smoking, watching the same movie over and over again ("London") or wearing the same thing everyday (white Hanes undershirts), I am completely unable to break even the most recently formed habits.

A few weeks ago, I was reintroduced to one of the stronger vices from my high school years: Taco Bell. When I was younger, before I became a vegetarian, I used to love the extremely processed, dog food-like beef that makes up most of Taco Bell's cuisine. However, as I got older, I realized that if I continued to patronize Taco Bell as I had, I would be lucky to live to see my 30th birthday.

Needless to say, I have since stopped caring about my physical well-being. Shortly after moving to my new house, one of my roommates coerced me into accompanying him to Taco Bell. Though I was wary, remembering my adolescent infatuation with the establishment, I agreed to go along. It was a bad, bad decision.

My roommate, also a vegetarian, opened my eyes to a vast new world of a menu Taco Bell offers to its vegetarian customers. The password? Beans instead of meat. I discovered the meatless Double Decker Taco, the Grilled Stuft Burrito sin carne, the herbivore-friendly Cheesy Gordita Crunch. And of course, the staple of every Taco Bell loving vegetarian's diet – the Cheesy Bean and Rice Burrito. Like everything else in my life, I was (re-)hooked at the first bite.

Since that fateful night, I've been known to eat at Taco Bell as often as four times a week. Though the food is inexpensive – and it certainly does taste good – after eating a meal, I fall into a catatonic state for about an hour, barely able to even blink my eyes. Furthermore, I've had some form of immunodeficiency ever since, and though this is not a direct fault of Taco Bell, I'm sure it's not helping.

So please, stave off addictions. A healthy lifestyle starts with moderation. Though I don't necessarily know what a healthy lifestyle is, I surely know what it's not.

Student artists seek emotional response *"Catharsis" showcases USD community's artistic talent*

Andrew Marzoni
Arts & Culture Editor

"The whole idea of having this exhibition is to make people more aware of the arts on campus," Alex Barrera, senior art major, said.

"The arts on campus are really not represented that well ... the purpose is to show USD that we are here, we know what we're doing, it's hard work and we should be represented more than we are."

The event to which Barrera refers is "Catharsis," this year's exhibition put on by the students of USD's art department, in the tradition of annual art shows to display senior art majors' thesis projects. The exhibition includes around twenty artists, each showing anywhere from one to eight pieces. Though the show is open to all entrants, the majority of the artists are USD art majors.

Barrera describes the show as a "continuation of the work senior art majors have been doing for the last few years."

He says those who attend can expect a wide variety of pieces in diverse media: paintings, photography, metal sculpture, video installations and even a fashion show.

Senior Piper Black, also an art major, will be showcasing her pieces – garments made of foreign currency – in a fashion show entitled "Black Market: Fashion with a Twist," which helps kick off "Catharsis" tonight.

Though USD student art exhibitions have tied together different artists' pieces thematically in the past, Barrera insists that any consistent themes in this show are purely coincidental. The name of the show was chosen based on its somewhat general, yet universal meaning.

"The reason we chose 'Catharsis' is because we wanted some emotional response to our work. That's what art is supposed to do – it's supposed to trigger thoughts, trigger emotions, trigger something in someone's mind. Hopefully, from that it will reflect on their



ALEX BARRERA

Painting by Miguel Camacho.

decisions later in life, or at the very least we want some kind of response to it," Barrera said.

Barrera, who works mostly in the medium of photography, is himself showing a number of photographs which he describes as dealing with, "the individual and the objects that surround them," – a subject that interests him much in his work – as well as a video project.

"Catharsis," which takes place in UC

Forum AB, opens tonight at 7:00 p.m., and the fashion show begins at 8:15 p.m. The show will stay open until 10:00 p.m. tonight and stay open all day tomorrow. Barrera encourages members of the USD community to attend the free exhibition, saying, "I just want people to go and see the talent that is at this school."



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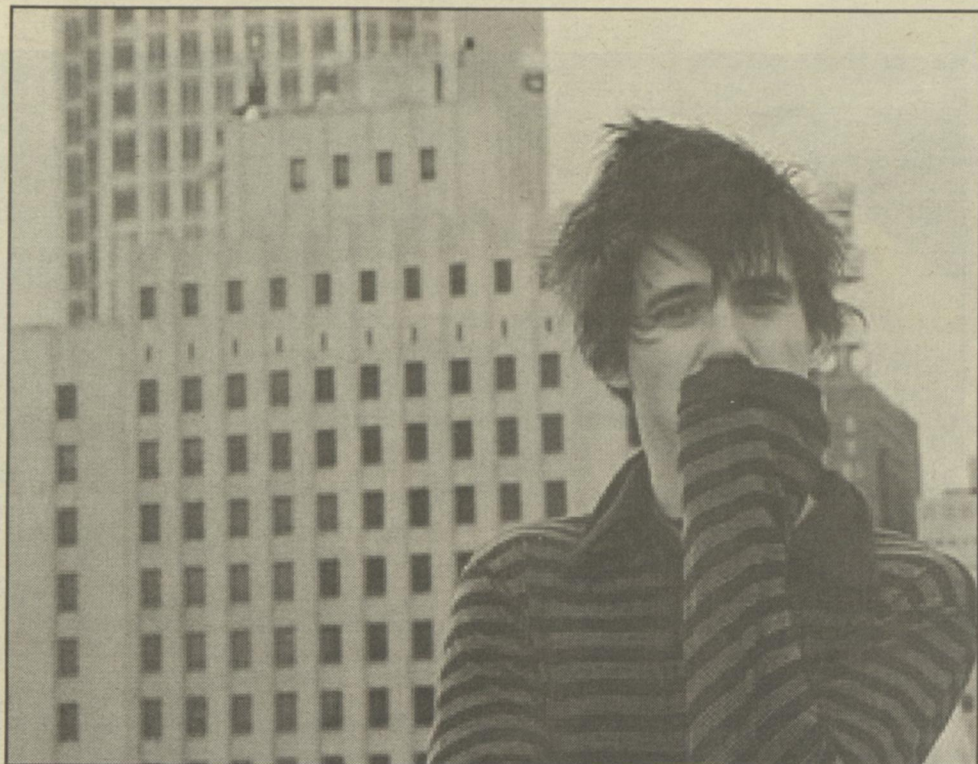
Photograph, "Diana," by Alex Barrera.



ALEX BARRERA

Painting by Kirby Stenger.

Release of old Bright Eyes songs reinforces Conor Oberst's genius



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Bright Eyes' new release, "Noise Floor," is a collection of previously unreleased songs.

Christie Osborne

Staff Writer

Love him or hate him. Take him or leave him. But if you have been up on independent music in the last five years you've probably heard all about Conor Oberst.

As the leader of Bright Eyes, Oberst has been tagged the next Dylan and the songwriter of our generation by numerous magazines eager to label someone as the savior of contemporary music.

Last week, Bright Eyes released their seventh original studio album since 1998.

"Noise Floor: Rarities (1998-2005)" is a combination of largely unreleased material collected over the course of seven years.

The album serves to collect songs that haven't seen the face of an album yet as well as those that have only been released as part of a 7" or a compilation.

Über-fans most likely already have

the majority of these songs, but for those who only own the albums "Noise Floor" will complement their Bright Eyes collection. The liner notes read as a who's who of indie rock littered with names like Nick Zinner (Yeah Yeah Yeahs), M. Ward, Britt Daniel (Spoon), Todd Fink, and Clark Baechle (The Faint).

The album opens with "Mirrors and Fevers," a classic, cumbersome Bright Eyes intro—complete with background voices singing Oberst classics—followed by the only a cappella Bright Eyes song in existence. "I Will Be Grateful for This Day" and "Blue Angels Air Show" find Bright Eyes producer Mike Mogis experimenting electronically and sounds like a premature version of songs on "Digital Ash in a Digital Urn" (Saddle Creek, 2005).

The album pulls together simple acoustic melodies like the vengeful "I've Been Eating (For You)" and "Motion Sickness." The high point, however, is the politically and emo-

tionally sound "Trees Get Wheeled Away."

Although Oberst rips off T.S. Eliot in the final verse, the song stands alone as the strongest on the record and legitimizes critics' claims of Oberst's genius.

Oberst reigns supreme as the king of the "Omaha Sound," a term used to describe the music of Omaha natives signed to Saddle Creek Records—the label started and maintained by long time friends Justin and Conor Oberst, Mogis and Robb Nansel.

Although the scope of the term has widened in recent years, the Omaha Sound was classically characterized as indie rock with a country twang and deeply emotional lyrics.

Oberst was instrumental in the development of the scene in seemingly sleepy Nebraska.

He first played live as a scrawny thirteen-year-old, and soon after recorded his first album, "Water" (1993, Lumberjack Records)—a vocal assault on the eardrums that even the most dedicated Conor-ite views as an acquired taste.

As Oberst matured through high school, so did his songwriting, leading to the release of his first album under the moniker Bright Eyes with producer Mogis in early 1998. Since then, Oberst and Mogis have served as the lynchpins for a rotating cast of characters that contributed to the next five albums; no two Bright Eyes line-ups are ever the same.

Oberst's prolific, diverse and intelligent songwriting has earned him critical acclaim and he has emerged as a leader of the political community musically.

Oberst's music can be polarizing for its political and emotional content and his shaky vocals earn as many haters as lovers, but whether you love him or hate him, he has a way of crawling under your skin.

Good audiences exercise good theatre manners

Rhiannon Toth

Guest Writer

As an actor, I live for an audience. Months of rehearsals pay off the moment that an audience is present. That is, of course, if they're actually paying attention.

I was more than excited to open our recent undergrad show, and even more excited that the entire run was sold out. But I quickly realized that there were several people in the audience who were unfamiliar with proper theatre audience etiquette. From one actor's point of view, here are a few notes on live theatre courtesy.

One: Seeing theatre is not like seeing a movie. The actors can, and do, hear and see you. We can see you text messaging. We can hear you whispering to your friend. We see you waving at us.

We do our best to ignore you, but it would be nice for everyone if you kept your comments to yourself and your cell phones off until after the show.

It is a courtesy to the performers and to your fellow audience members who, just like you, paid money to be there.

Two: Intermission is the time to get up and stretch your legs, but not on the stage. It is very inappropriate to walk across the stage or to sit on parts of the set. The set and props are part of the art of the whole production.

Designers, faculty and students have worked extremely hard to build, paint and decorate the set until it is perfect. We don't walk on your art, so please don't walk on our set.

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Regina Spektor plays at Canes this Sunday.

Thursday, November 2

"Catharsis" opens @
UC Forum A/B

mewithoutYou @
House of Blues
1055 5th Ave.
San Diego, California 92101

Friday, November 3

"Babel" opens @
La Jolla Village Cinemas
8879 Villa La Jolla Dr.
La Jolla, California 92037

Good Odds Improv @
Salomon Hall

Sunday, November 5

Regina Spektor @
Canes Bar & Grill
3105 Ocean Front Walk
San Diego, California 92109

Monday, November 6

Minus the Bear @
Porter's Pub
UCSD
9500 Gilman Dr.
La Jolla, California 92037

Monday, November 6 (cont'd)

Eagles of Death Metal @
House of Blues
1055 5th Ave.
San Diego, California 92101

Monday, November 6 (cont'd)

New York Dolls @
Belly Up Tavern
143 South Cedros Ave.
Solana Beach, California 92075

San Diego home to great concert venues

The top ten bars, clubs and other places to see live indie music all around town

Sam Woolley

Staff Writer

Put on your tight jeans, hawk up your hair and maybe even cry a little, because here is a list of the best places to see a good local or indie band in San Diego.

One: The Casbah – This 21 and up Little Italy club seems to draw in all the best indie gigs in San Diego. With a maximum capacity of only 200 you can be guaranteed an intimate (yet rocking) show. The Casbah brings in all sorts of eclectic gigs. Best yet – Devendra Banhart's side band "Vetiver."

Two: Lestat's – A legendary Normal Heights "neighborhood hangout" Lestat's coffeehouse constantly has awesome bands and solo artists passing through. This is by far (in my humble opinion) the best coffee shop in the city. Good artwork, good music, and best of all, it's open all night!

Three: Soma – This is one of the most popular (along with Epicenter) under 21 venues in our fine city. It's near USD, on Sports Arena. It's trashy and perfect in its own little way. There is only standing room and practically the whole place is concrete. Perfect for shows where you need to go crazy, but beware of strange diseases in the bathrooms.

Four: Brick by Brick – This little bar is located right near campus (off Morena). "Stop Smiling" magazine coined the



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The Casbah is San Diego's best live music venue.

phrase that fits its clientele and feel best—"high minded low-lives." Good for all different types of local/Southern Californian bands. Check out skinny indie guys trying to beat the computer at the arm wrestling arcade game in the corner.

Five: Che Café – Some of my friends' fondest memories from high school involve swinging on the cross beams on the ceiling and dancing on stage with various bands at the Che. Located on UCSD campus, this "anything goes" café is a great venue for local gigs in every genre from acoustic to hardcore. They serve decent vegetarian food as

well. Hippie-ish and radical.

Six: The Epicenter – Children's club by day, debauchorous indie venue by night, this Mira Mesa locale is great for seeing cult numbers like Blood Brothers. My good buddy once lied his way back stage for an interview by telling tales about being a journalist, not that I would dare condone such things.

Seven: Belly Up Tavern – This Solana Beach surf bar is another great place to see eclectic indie shows. Even though it gets crowded for bigger bands, you can always expect to see bands put on a good show; they are constantly talking about how much they like the place. It's

definitely worth the short drive up the 5. I suggest you stay out all night and go to breakfast at Solana's "Naked Café" in the morning, it'll be worth it.

Eight: The Beauty Bar – Located on El Cajon Boulevard, The Beauty Bar will offer a fairly good local showing. There are five other Beauty Bars in the country (including one in L.A.), which are all good for a retro feel and good indiepop. It's modeled after a glittery 60s hair salon and you can get a "manicure and a martini" if you want. Be sure to make use of the free parking in the back.

Nine: Spreckels Theatre – I think this place beats out Copley Symphony Hall (not the place on campus) for the best sit-down acoustic show in San Diego. In between bands you can go out into the foyer and grab and drink, and there is even a decent sushi place next door. Bright Eyes found performing here a little perilous due to bits of plaster from the ceiling falling into Conor Oberst's eye. I, however, think that its "antique" feel is all part of the charm.

Ten: 4th and B – Located downtown in a former bank building, 4th and B offers a wide variety of shows. The cool thing about this place is that you can sit anywhere, giving shows a slightly different feel than normal. This place generally caters to more mainstream bands, but every now and then you will get a good indie band playing.

THEATRE: The importance of theatre etiquette too often ignored

Theatre, continued

Three: This is tricky, but when professors require a class to see a production, they should do something to ensure that students go as courteous audience members who actually want to be there. We love that classes come to see shows because we know that seeing a show is so much better than just reading the play.

But a great deal of students who are required to see a show end up leaving at intermission because they have enough for their papers, while a number of people who actually want to see the show are turned away because the house is full.

Perhaps professors could ask specific questions about the second half,

or could require that students get their tickets signed by an actor after the show. Anything to stress that seeing a show is an opportunity, not a chore.

Remember, actors love audiences. We consider each performance to be a gift to our audience, a time when we do our very best to make an emotional connection with each other and with our audience members.

When the audience is into it, when people are actively listening and participating, amazing things happen in the theatre. So I encourage everyone to go see a show, leave your cell phone at home and engage in the whole performance. You might just discover what it is about theatre that has kept actors and audiences coming back for hundreds of years.

What are you
listening to?

*This is where we tell you
what should be on your iPod*

Christie Osborne's Top 10 Bands from the 1980s

The Cure
Guns N' Roses
The Cars
Talking Heads
The B-52s
Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band
Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers
Bauhaus
Bad Religion
The Pretenders

Andrew Marzoni's Top 10 Bands from the 1980s

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New Order
My Bloody Valentine
Billy Bragg
Echo & The Bunnymen
Pixies
The Cure
Gang of Four
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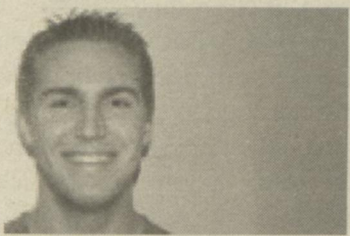
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This is why I like sports



Anthony Gentile
Sports Editor

St. Louis was a gray, cold town last Friday morning as its citizens awaited game five of the World Series. Outside of my downtown hotel, only red fountains and a sprinkling of banners that read "Go Cards!" on office buildings signified the spirit of the city.

Around 10:30 p.m. CDT, St. Louis Cardinals' pitcher Adam Wainwright struck out Detroit's Brandon Inge swinging to clinch a 4-2 game five victory. The win gave the city of St. Louis their first World Series title since 1982.

The city transformed instantly. Quiet in the morning, the street that ran by the stadium, North Broadway, was packed with cars in a flood of lights and car horns.

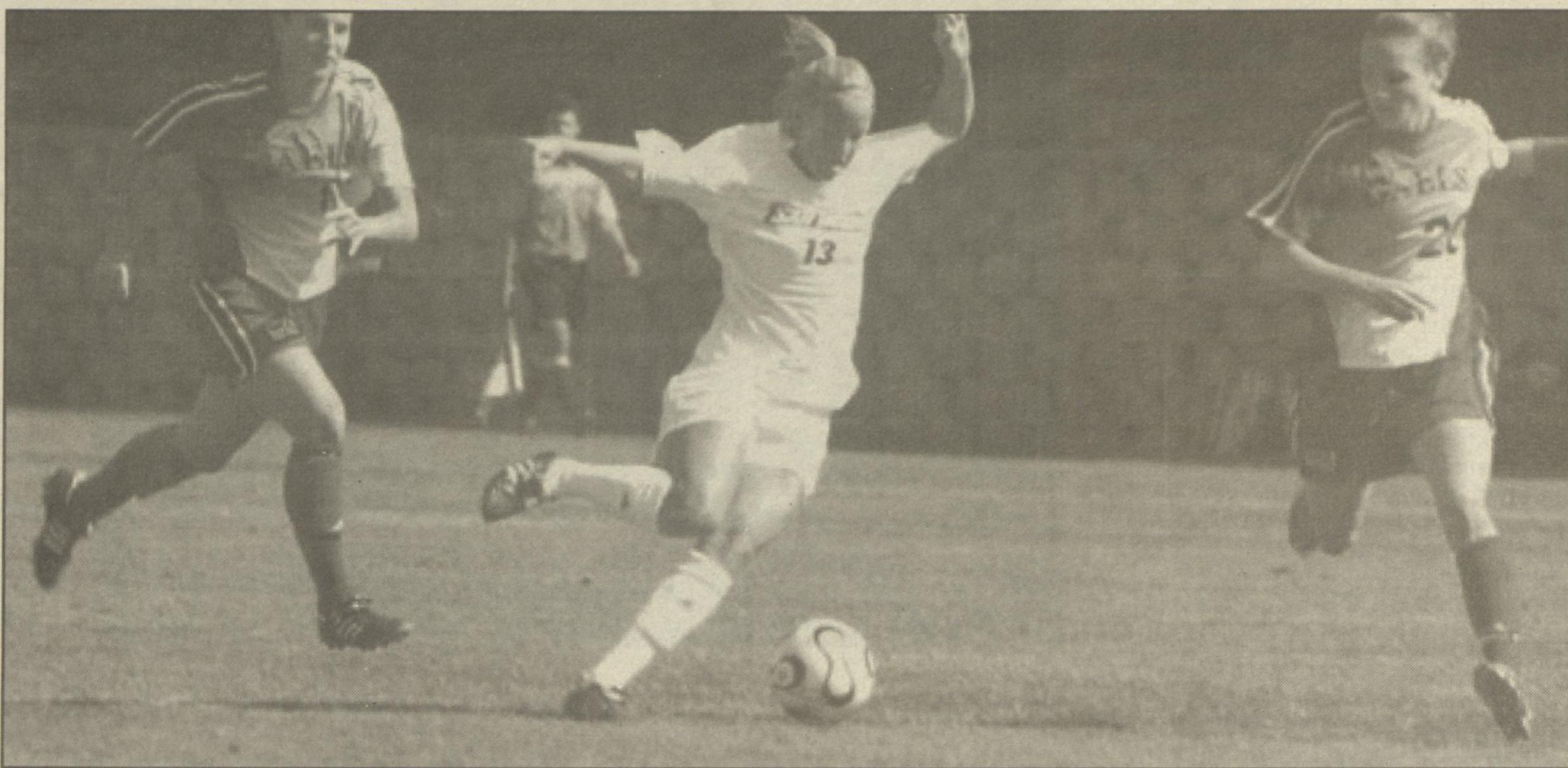
Along the 18-block stretch that I walked from Busch Stadium to the Edward Jones Dome and back, I was inundated with high fives, and screaming by the St. Louis community. Thousands of people in cars and on the sidewalk boasted their Stadium Edition "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" newspapers whose headline on the front page read, "CHAMPS!"

Along this downtown journey, I saw people of all different shapes, sizes and colors united for a single cause: their beloved Cardinals. People from all different backgrounds came together in what was a joyous celebration.

It is amazing that sports can pull people together like the Cardinals did last Friday night and early Saturday morning. All different types of people just dropped everything for a handful of hours to celebrate this common cause.

Although athletes are essentially only professional entertainers, their actions have a profound impact on people, as I witnessed in St. Louis last weekend. This impact is why I write about sports.

Women's soccer blanks SDSU, Saint Mary's



Anthony Gentile
Sports Editor

The Toreros women's soccer team kicked off last week's action with a 2-0 win against SDSU at home. In last Thursday's game, junior forward Leigh Ann Robinson scored both of the Toreros' goals in a 2-0 victory.

Robinson leads the team in goals this season with nine. Sophomore keeper Brittany Cameron recorded three saves in the shutout win over the USD's crosstown rival.

Last Sunday, USD rolled over Saint Mary's 4-0 at Torero Stadium. Senior forward Veronica Ambort got the Toreros on the board early, scoring in the seventh minute of the match. Robinson and sophomore forward Allison Wolters assisted Ambort's goal.

There was no more scoring in the match until the 76th minute. That was when red-shirt freshman forward Christine Mock headed the ball into the back of the net to extend USD's lead to 2-0.

Mock scored on another header eight minutes later and freshman midfielder Marina Heberer scored a rebound goal in the 86th minute to put the finishing touches on the match. Cameron had one save for her second consecutive shutout.

USD women's soccer (11-8-0, 2-4-0 WCC) closes out the 2006 regular season at the University of San Francisco on Saturday at 1 p.m. The Toreros are still hoping to earn an at-large berth in the NCAA Tournament, which begins on Nov. 10.

Volleyball extends winning streak to nine games

USD began the second half of conference play by sweeping Saint Mary's at home last Thursday. Senior outside hitter Kristen Carlson led the Toreros with 20 kills and 10 digs.

Junior middle hitter Laurel Abrahamson paced the USD attack with 19 kills and a .704 hitting percentage. And senior outside hitter Christie Dawson recorded 13 kills.

Setter Jessica Nyrop directed the attack with 54 digs. The sophomore also led the team with 13 digs.

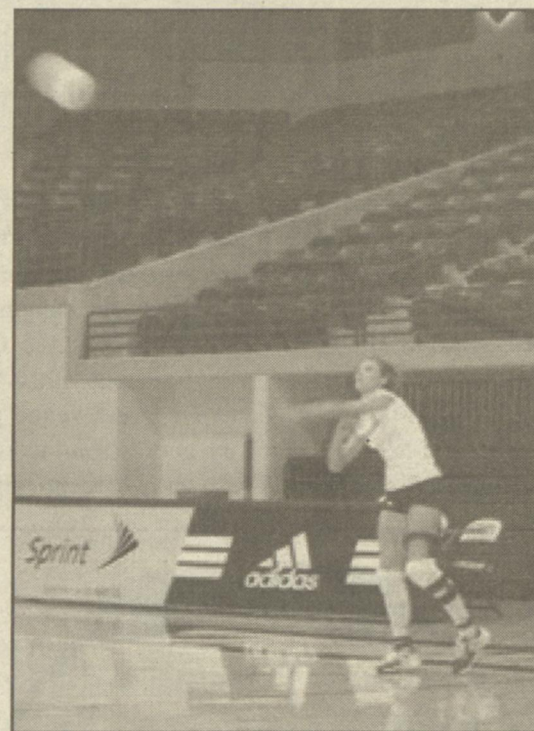
Two days later, USD took down San Francisco in four games. In the home victory, Carlson turned in her 16th double-double of the season. She had 20 kills and 18 digs in the match.

Dawson (17) and Abrahamson (16) each had double-digits in kills for the ninth consecutive match. Nyrop had 58 assists to help USD to a .354 hitting percentage.

USD volleyball (19-4, 9-0 WCC) is currently ranked 15th in this week's AVCA/CSTV top-25 poll. The Toreros take the court tonight at LMU at 7 p.m. and conclude their two-game road trip at Pepperdine on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Men's soccer wins final home game

USD closed out their 2006 home campaign with a 4-0 win against Saint Mary's last Sunday. Senior midfielder Eric Pohl started the scoring in the eighth minute, scoring off of a rebound.



Top: Toreros' freshman midfielder Hallie Huston navigates between two Saint Mary's defenders in last Sunday's 4-0 win. USD also beat San Diego State last Thursday night at Torero Stadium.

Left: USD Senior outside hitter Kristen Carlson watches a serve fly in last weekend's volleyball action at the Jenny Craig Pavilion. Carlson has recorded 16 double-doubles this season.



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Toreros' senior forward Ryan Guy dribbles past a Saint Mary's defender last Sunday at Torero Stadium. Guy scored a goal in the 4-0 victory.

Senior forward Ryan Guy, freshman forward JT Howlan and freshman midfielder Ciaran O'Brien each scored in the Toreros' convincing win. Senior Lance Friesz and sophomore Kelin Briones combined to shut out the Gaels.

Two days earlier, the Toreros suffered a tough 2-1 overtime loss to No. 14 Santa Clara. USD fell behind in the 15th minute, but O'Brien

evened the score at one in the 71st minute. Two minutes into the first overtime period, the Toreros lost when Santa Clara connected on a header off of a free kick to win the match.

USD men's soccer (10-6-1, 5-5-1 WCC) closes out their 2006 season on the road this week. The Toreros play at San Francisco on Friday at 7 p.m. and finish at UCLA on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Cardinals fans celebrate in streets of St. Louis

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Sports Editor

After the Cardinals defeated the Tigers in game five to capture the 2006 World Series, fans flooded the streets of downtown St. Louis to celebrate the victory.

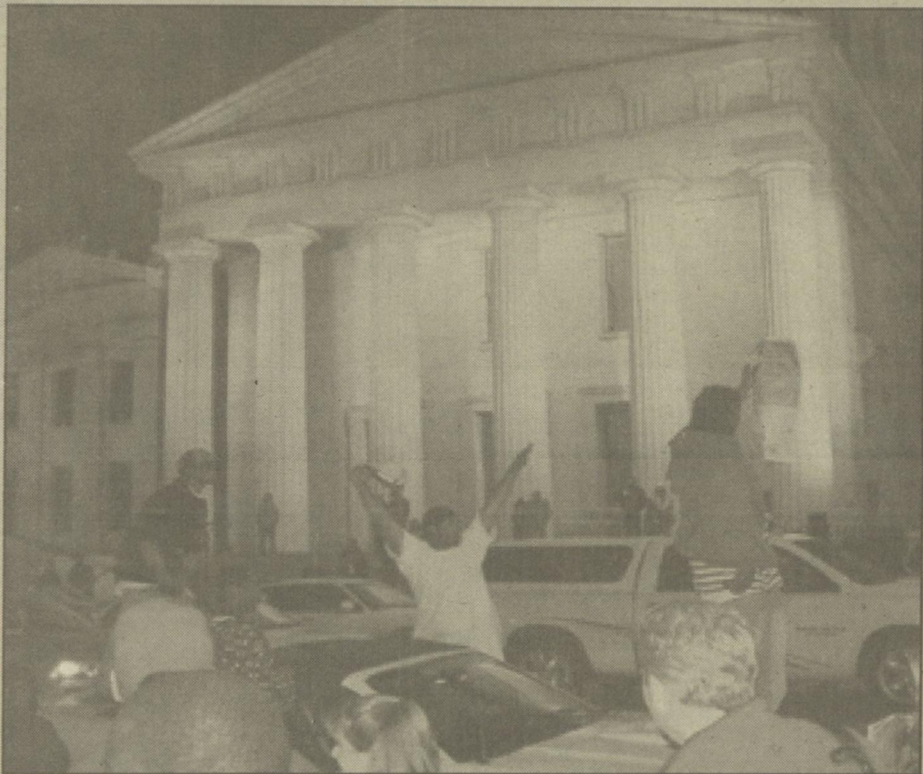
Six staff members from *The Vista* were also in St. Louis last weekend for a student journalism conference. We had the good fortune of being in the midst of the World Series celebration.

Even the casual sports fan could appreciate the spectacle that unfolded following the game. North Broadway in downtown St. Louis was full of honking cars and screaming fans for hours following the Cardinals' victory.

Prior to the joyous pandemonium on Friday night, it didn't even seem



like the city of St. Louis was hosting the World Series. But everyone came out after the Cardinals won. It was a very special evening that we will not soon forget.



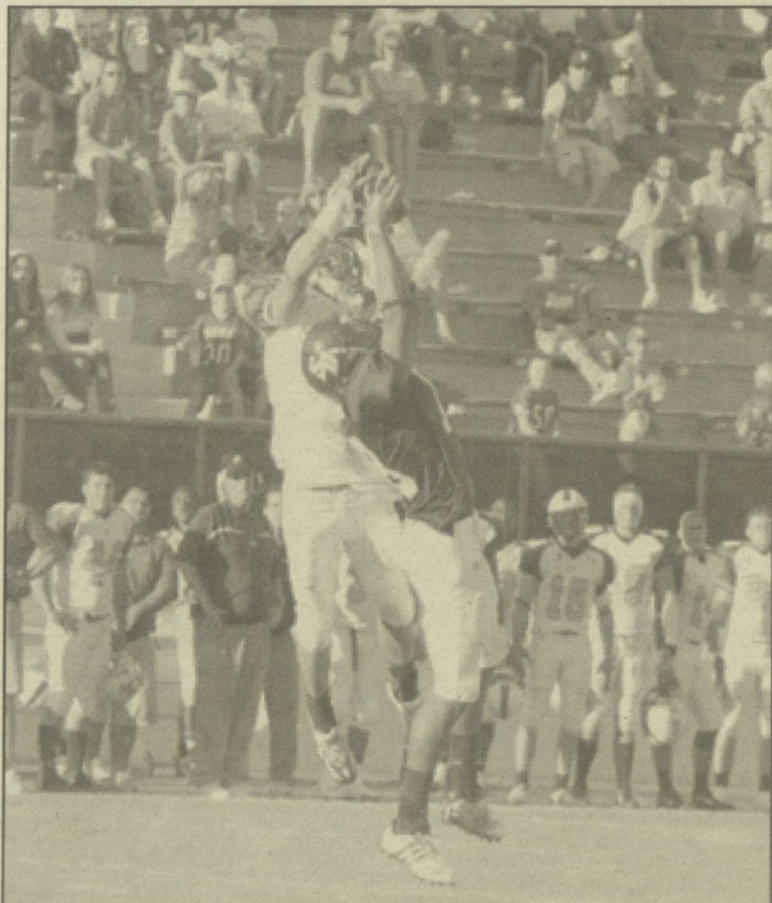
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Top Left: A Cardinals fan lets people know who is number one while walking down the street following St. Louis' game five victory on Friday night.

Above: Fans celebrate the Cardinals' win on top of their car with their Stadium Edition of the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch."

Left: Fans celebrate amidst traffic and a flood of car horns on North Broadway in front of the Old Courthouse.

FOOTBALL: Victory over Eagles extends streak to 16



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Toreros' freshman wide receiver Tony Simmons battles a Morehead State defender for the football in midair. USD improved to 8-0 with their victory last Saturday.

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At halftime, the Eagles had all the momentum, but the Toreros didn't panic.

"Coach Harbaugh told us that he believed in us and to keep doing what we were doing," Matthews said.

As the second half got underway, the sun set behind Torero Stadium and on Morehead State's chances to pull the upset.

On the Toreros' opening possession, the offense was faced with a third and 12 in their own territory. As Johnson dropped back to pass, the Morehead State defense looked like they would sack him. But Johnson managed to let loose a deep bomb that Matthews hauled in for a 73-yard score.

"They have the best defensive line of any team we've played this year," Johnson said. "I just tried to buy enough time to get the pass away because I knew John would make the

play."

Johnson's long pass gave the Toreros a 24-14 lead early in the second half. On Morehead State's ensuing possession, junior linebacker Tyler Evans picked off Yost's pass and ran it back to the Eagles' nine yard-line. A few plays later, Rogan ran it in from a yard out to increase the lead to 31-14.

"We didn't make any adjustments at halftime," Johnson said. "We just executed better in the second half."

The Toreros added touchdown passes to junior tight end Chris Ramsey and junior wide receiver Wes Doyle. USD had three touchdown passes of over 35 yards. Rogan had 101 rushing yards, two rushing touchdowns and a passing score. Matthews finished with 114 receiving yards and two touchdowns.

The Toreros on the defensive side of the ball also stepped up in the second half. Junior de-

fensive end Eric Bakhtiari anchored the defense with seven solo tackles and five tackles for losses. Sophomore defensive back Joe Staab made a spectacular one-handed interception on a tipped ball in the fourth quarter. Junior defensive back Mike Crawford also added a late pick for the Toreros.

Even though the Toreros ended up winning 44-21, they know their performance was far from perfect. "This game gives us some things to work on," Harbaugh said. "We never get tired of wins but there were too many mistakes today."

The Toreros are now ranked 16th in The Sports Network I-AA top-25 poll. They have moved up four spots from last week.

USD puts its 16-game winning streak on the line next Saturday as they travel to Jacksonville University. The Toreros' next home game is against the Dayton Flyers on Sat., Nov. 11 at 6 p.m.

Toreros handle Morehead State 44-21

USD football wins rematch of last year's PFL Championship; ranked No. 16

Peter Byrne

Staff Writer

In a rematch of last year's PFL Championship, the Toreros defeated the Morehead State Eagles 44-21 at Torero Stadium on Saturday.

The victory extended the Toreros' Division I-AA best winning streak to 16 games. During the streak, USD has grown accustomed to jumping on opponents early and cruising to an easy victory.

But Saturday was a different story. Morehead State took a 7-3 lead midway through the second quarter, when Eagles' junior running back Ricky Cornelius scored from a yard out.

"We came out flat," USD junior quarterback Josh Johnson said. "I knew we were going to get a wake up call. I knew their record didn't matter; they played us tough last year."

Johnson took it upon himself to wake up the Toreros, breaking runs of 21 and 23 following the Eagles' first score. Inside the 10, Johnson pitched to sophomore running back J.T. Rogan who finished off the drive with a touchdown. The extra point was blocked, but the Toreros

took a 9-7 lead with 5:20 remaining in the first half.

Johnson finished with 202 yards passing, three scores and 80 yards rushing.

After USD forced a Morehead State punt, coach Jim Harbaugh broke out some trickery. Johnson handed the ball off to Rogan, who unleashed a deep bomb right before he was hit. Sophomore wide receiver John Matthews hauled in Rogan's pass for a 42-yard touchdown.

"We've had that play up for about four weeks but it's the first time we ran it," Harbaugh said. "We got the right situation to call it and it worked."

After Rogan's touchdown pass, the Toreros made a two-point conversion. Up 17-7 with less than three minutes left, the Toreros were waking up from their slumber.

But with only nine seconds remaining in the half, Morehead State junior quarterback Brian Yost connected with sophomore running back, Erick Fitzpatrick, on a 50-yard touchdown pass. The score narrowed the Torero lead to 17-14.



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USD wide receiver John Matthews hauls in a 42-yard touchdown pass from running back J.T. Rogan in last Saturday's 44-21 win over Morehead State. Both of Matthews' two catches in the game were touchdowns.

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